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(Second letter)

Dear Lois

I will try to tell you a little of my impressions. The coast above Prince Rupert does not change to any great extent but gradually the mountains get a little smaller or the number of smaller hills increase, then you begin to notice more snow and snow lower down then you have one or two glaciers pointed out which from a distance do not look very striking but we are told that they are very wonderful if you go in close and blow the siren which causes small or large ice bergs to break off. Then coming through Wrangell narrows for example the passage is very narrow almost like a passage through the Thousand Islands. We saw some enormous salmon and halibut being put ashore by the fishermen at Wrangell. At Skagway I was at table and a young woman came in and sat down opposite. The young woman on my left, probably a school teacher introduced me to my cousin Catherine Beverley Robertson whose relationship Mother will explain.

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Catherine is a writer and at present is having her passage facilitated by the C.P.R. on the White Pass Railway about whom she will write articles. My other companions are Circuit Court Judge McCaulay of Dawson and his wife and Livingston Lornecke an interesting and very well known mining man. I am constantly meeting people I know or know about. Have just left William Watson who came out to this country in '96 ~~or~~ '98 from Stratford. He is a brother of Miss Agnes Watson who first tried to teach me the piano and whom Mother & Dad liked so much. Please tell them. I could stay out here a long time meeting interesting people and doing some good but I don't know how they are getting along in Montreal without me or what Mr Gilman will think of the extension of my visit. Please keep these letters for me and please tell Mother and Dad the news.

Yesterday Judge McCaulay and I were driven out $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles and caught 19 beautiful graylings ranging up to one pound in weight. They took a fly well. The restaurant cooked them for us on our return and they were delicious.

Last night I went to bed at twilight about 11 PM and this morning I woke first in bright Sunlight at 4 AM. I don't know what time



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the sun actually rose ³ but it must have been pretty early. I have not got on my heavy underwear yet but it is pretty cool especially during. We drove out to a mine this afternoon and were glad to wear rain coats and use a big bear skin robe. My hands are almost too chilly to write.

Whitehorse is built on a large flat. It is well laid out with fine wide streets and wooden sidewalks. All the houses and buildings are of wood. There is a N.W. Mounted Police Post here. You can usually see several Indian men women + children in the stores and on the streets, the women and children usually eating ice cream cones. The restaurant man tells me he sold 150 quarts of ice cream on the 24th of May which is a good many in a town of 2 or 3 hundred inhabitants.

People live very well here - Everything very clean and food in unusual variety and very good - many times better than Timmins Cobalt

or any such towns in ^{the} Eastern Canada. People extremely hospitable and the most wonderful enthusiasts for their town. The rest of the world is referred to as "Outside" - the expression being I have not been outside for 7 years or He has just returned from outside.

A man who came up from Vancouver with us was saying last night that he would never go out again - Everything was so expensive - People were so aggressive that he got shoved off the sidewalk - He thought that competition was so keen that people were practically savages. He said it was a case of "dog eat dog". Up here they claim to have the most wonderful climate the most wonderful sunsets, the most wonderful hunting and shooting the most wonderful friends in the world. I listened to an Englishman last evening telling how he had been to England France India and all over the states and Canada but he hoped he would never be forced to leave Whitehorse again.

So you see I am in a pretty good place. Last Winter they had "no winter at all" eighteen below was the lowest temperature where 40 to 60 below is always possible. They ran motors here until the 12th December although the first snow usually comes in October. - Well I had better stop. Everybody's happy - Hoping you are the same.
Yours affectly Edward.

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