

CANADIAN INGERSOLL-RAND CO.,  
LIMITED

en route between  
Selkirk and Stewart City  
Friday afternoon 28<sup>th</sup> May '26

FILE NO. Personal

TO Gen Mgr.

Third Letter

SUBJECT General Description of the Country

DEAR SIR: From Vancouver to Prince Rupert there is a long succession of heavily wooded mountains with very large timber. The mountains frequently run up into rocky peaks quite often snow capped. Between Prince Rupert and Juneau the average size of the mountains seemed to get a little less and the average size of the trees ~~were~~ ~~proper~~ probably also got smaller. From Juneau to Skagway the trees continued to decrease in size and the mountains although perhaps a little smaller showed heavy ice caps and the ice came down to a lower level sometimes ending in a glacier at the waters edge. The most famous glacier I believe is called the Take Glacier and runs from somewhere near Atlin to somewhere near Skagway. I think someone told me that glacier is about 30 miles long. Tourists are taken by boat to the foot of it. The siren is sounded and the sound causes ice bergs to drop off into the water. Reading from the guide book I see "Denon Glacier" - One can hardly grasp the immensity of this great body of ice, one arm of which extends 35 miles

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east to the Atlin Country and is known as Llewellyn Glacier while the other arm extends 90 miles southward where it is known as Take Glacier"]

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TO Gen Mgr (Third Letter Continued)

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DEAR SIR: From Skagway to White Pass a distance of 20 miles ~~the~~ we go up a regular goat track on a 36" gauge railway using three engines to haul about fifteen or twenty small cars. Our parlor car was less than twice as big as the Sherbrooke street busses. In the twenty miles the train climbs from zero to 2885 feet - an average of nearly 3 feet per 100 feet for 20 miles. The ride is more exciting than any part of the run over the Canadian Rockies and gives a vivid idea of the amazing effort which was made by so many people on foot 28 years ago. There were two trails to Dawson from Skagway one bearing to the left called the Chilkoot Pass the other bearing to the right called the White Pass and through which the railway now runs. ~~Over~~ After White Pass Summit, 20 miles from Skagway marks the International boundary. After that there is a stretch of level track and then a gradual fall of 750 feet in the next twelve miles and then a level track to Whitehorse at 2079 feet elevation. Deep snow falls on the Pacific slope and we went through plenty of snow in the neighborhood of the summit.

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The whole slope up to the summit is an impossibly rocky mountainous snowy mountain but then we begin to run along lakes with small spruce and moss until towards Whitehorse it is quite pleasant but somewhat mountainous country. Whitehorse itself is laid out on a large level plain on the banks of 40 mile river which is one of the beginnings of the Yukon. Leaving Whitehorse by boat is an interesting experience. The boat is a Mississippi type of stern wheeler drawing 36" of water. The river is very swift and there are many shifting shoals. When the boat runs aground its winch engine is used to help drag it along and if that is not sufficient two huge poles are carried which with suitable tackle enables the boat to be raised as if on crutches. This is quite a stunt with a boat bigger than the St Helens Island Ferry carrying 126 double staterooms. Coming down the river and through Lake LeBarge the mountains gradually get more and more rounded on top and more and more wooded until now at Stewart City it is more like Laurentian scenery. The river grows bigger and bigger with each tributary until now it is a huge big river and I fancy the shoals are a thing of the past. It is now 11.30 P.M. and about twilight which is as dark as it gets until the sun rises again in 3 or 4 hours. It is strange to be able to pick out and decipher a newspaper all night.

Yours Winslow.