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Dear Papa

I have just been writing out
Such notes as I could think of concerning
the Pictou iron deposits. Some of them
may be of use, & I mean them merely
for your information if you go
down to N.S. & not for communication
to Prentice.

On arriving at Toronto on Tuesday I
enquired at the office about the time
of sailing of the steamer. The man there
said he thought I would be in plenty
time if I left Toronto next morning

but- could tell nothing more. I
telegraphed to Collingwood but could get no
answer. I therefore left for here yesterday
morning & found the man so far right-
as the boat is advertised to leave Friday
night, but ~~may~~ will not leave at
any rate till Saturday afternoon, & possibly
not then. None of my party are here
& it is an awfully slow place.

Yesterday all the horizon was blocked with
ice. Today a strong storm of wind &
rain has driven it out of sight. Some
screw propellers have come in but no
side wheel steamers are yet moving.

Your affectionate Son
George

