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Superior Man.  
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Dear Papa

I have just learned  
that a mail is being made  
up to go South this afternoon  
& though I have not time to  
write a long letter, I sit down  
to let you know of my arrival  
here. We got in late on  
Wednesday evening after spending  
three days & a half on the  
road from Quarehead &  
having rather a rough time  
of it in mud holes &

Coules. The snow is still  
in deep drifts in the coules, but  
has completely disappeared from  
the surface though the frost  
is not yet completely out  
of the soil.

We are all here now & it  
is the intention to start out  
as soon as possible. A party  
are to be sent out in a few days  
to bridge any coules or streams  
which are impassable to  
Carts &c. The expedition is to  
go west along the old line,  
though part of the stuff will  
be teamed out direct from

the N.P.R.R. at Warehead.

Capt Cameron is here & as usual quarrels with everybody. A day or two ago he turned off all the good technicians who were with us last year because they sent in a petition regarding the reduction of their rations.

Prof Bell has a map of mine which which he promised to return to you on coming back for Toronto. Please send it to me when you get it. It will not hurt to fold it to envelope size.

The news is now  
wanting for the letters so  
I must stop, but shall write  
more fully tomorrow.

Your affectionate son  
Grove