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Victoria, B.C.

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Dear Father,

I here to acknowledge
a receipt of your letter, the
lost Captain Scudder's post-
Card, & Mr Lard's letter.

I will answer Scudder before
long. The list of woods you
refer to is I suppose that
sent for the small blocks for
microscopic examination. There
were two or three small pieces of
Douglas fir, so that you had says
none it must have occurred through

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a sleep of the pen.

I am all in confusion as I write,
being in process of packing up to
leave here. I intended taking advantage
of a few days at Bethulie
in the first instance, the Ser J. Douglas
Steamer going up there to land one
of the Survey parties. I start day after
tomorrow, in the evening, & will be
back next week, but wish to have
everything here so that I can pick it
up & set out for the interior via
the Frayser R. You will no doubt
have heard that our Selwyn's idea
of a Survey of the Island this summer
has been overruled at Ottawa, & that
I am again to go up into the interior

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Region. It will probably on the whole be more pleasant, as I will be more or less frequently in communication with the S.P.R. Survey people, what you know, & will also relieve me from the trouble of attending to my own business and transport arrangements. The chances for good geological work will probably be not so good

however, though you cannot tell. My present idea is if the Franconian Lake Region can be finished early enough in the season, satisfactorily to take a loop line by Kamloops & Nicola on the way down again in the Autumn.

As far as I can judge from the state of the Vegetation here, I think we are about a month ahead of the average time at Montreal, but everyone says spring this year is at least a month late. When summer really comes, however, on your side you will no doubt soon have equal, for everything goes on very slowly here. I am tired & sleepy from packing, & so must stop the cursed writing now at present.

Write me tall

Your affectionate Son
George.