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My dear Uncle & Aunt

I duly received your kind favour of the 2nd inst and have delayed writing till I would consider what is best to be done.

I have been looking around to see if I could meet with a place suitable for my business in the city, but as yet I have not met with one, suitable, the rents are all so high, I have been considering if it would not be best to buy a piece of ground and build a small shop, and by paying a little more than rent would be per month the place would soon be my

own. I have seen a very desirable corner lot 18 feet frontage and 60 deep but the owner wants \$450 for it to be payed on very easy terms. I have also made an offer for a small engine and boiler which is valued at \$150 I have offered \$110 but have not received an answer yet.

I would also require a turning lathe which would not cost less than \$200 or \$250 also a pair of smith bellows which would cost \$15 I have not ascertained what the cost of building a small shop would be or on what terms I could get it built. I would think from \$200 to \$250 would cover it.

The Hardware store I would deal with would be Wood & Leggats I know Mr. Wood very well he is one of our representatives in Parliament, and is a member of the Baptist Church I belong to.

I have not conferred with Mr Wood on the subject as yet but will do so soon and let you know

I have about \$250 layed out in shares in the Pacific Navigation Co^y at home but to sell them out just now Father said they would not realize the amount paid for them but he is in hopes that the Co^y will be able to declare a dividend at their yearly meeting which takes place at the end of this month or the beginning of July and if so the shares would rise then Father would sell mine out, and remit me the amount. I submit this to your kind consideration and your judicious advice.

No doubt there would be other smaller expenses connected with starting up which I am not able to state at present.

I am very glad to hear of the
near approach of your oldest
Daughters marriage and I trust
she may long be spared to
enjoy the happiness and comfort
of a home of her own.

With fondest love to all

I remain ever

Your Affec^{ate} Nephew

George Mercer Bell