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George
Quinn B.C.
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Dear Father

On my arrival here
day before yesterday I found
letters with home news to
Sept. 6, the later dates having
probably been detained in
Victoria to await my arrival
there. The line was not working
till yesterday evening when I
telegraphed letting you know of
my safe return to civilization

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& also in answer to your telegram
of Oct. 6 asking if I will
compete for a Chemistry
Professorship at Ottawa.

I am truly sorry you have been
at so much trouble about the
Palaeontological affair, & the
sooner it blows over the better.

Had I been appointed it would
only have meant desperately hard
work of a kind I don't know
whether I could stand, though
of course I should have done my
best. The thing having been decided
there remains nothing but to forget-

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it, & whatever I may do eventually if Chance offers to better myself by leaving the Survey, it is evident that both my own Credit & duty require that I should finish the indoor work connected with my two last Seasons ~~work~~ field work.

The weather is still quite fine & mild here, & I am about to utilize it by making a trip of a few days to the Cariboo Region where they are just at present trying to open some quartz Veins &c.

I have made arrangements for the rest of my letters to be sent up from Victoria to meet me on the Wagon Road, & hope to be down at Victoria myself in about two weeks unless extremely fine weather should tempt me to make a Circuit through the Kootenays Country with the idea of picking out enough about it to include it in a preliminary map.

This autumn has been remarkably fine & the latter portion of my journey very pleasant. I came down the Nechaco or Stewart River from Fraser L. to St George in a canoe with two Indians, & then had to wait

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Several days at St. Jorges for
the pack train, & as there was
nothing to do there this was
rather tedious, however I was
respectably entertained by
often getting H.B. Co. & regaled
on dried beaver meat & other
articles of the country.

I have not heard from
Mr Selwyn about returning to
Montreal this winter, but have
always understood that that was
the arrangement. I shall
certainly do so if I possibly
can as I made up my

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mind last winter I would
not spend another in Victoria
If I could avoid it.

I have been hard at work
all day getting things put in
order here & as it is now
getting late I must ask to
be excused — till next time
which will not be long now
& I have got back to regular
Postal Communication.

With love to all
Your obedient son
George.