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My dear Father

This place, which you
may not find on the map, is between
the North & South Branches of the
Saskatchewan South of Prince Albert
& on the main trail to Winnipeg.
We arrived here yesterday all well, &
go on again this morning, having
here exchanged our Red River Carts
for flat sleds as the snow is now
on the ground & will probably last
all winter. We are a large party &
well provided with animals & if
favoured with good weather should

reach Winnipeg from the 5th to the 10th
 of next month. The distance now
 remaining is a trifle of about
 500 miles so that we begin to count
 ourselves near Civilization.

I send this note by the mail Carrier
 who should arrive in Winnipeg
 some days ahead of us, but as he
 cannot be much in advance
 it is not worth writing at any length.
 The reported Indian troubles amount
 to nothing at present, & are not
 likely to grow to anything if the
 people are fed by the Govt. as seems
 to the present plan.

With love to all, your affectionate
 Son George.