

Rembance

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My dear Father,

I have this morn-
ing received your very kind
note of July 3rd. I regret very
much that you continue to speak
of Manitoba as if I could go up
there anytime & pick up \$6000 or
8000 without the least trouble.
I had a chance of doing that last
summer, Selwyn as you know did
his best to cheat me out of it, but could
not have succeeded had you not,
unintentionally & thoughtlessly lent him
your aid. I fear it is now hopelessly
gone & with it much of my interest
in life, & almost all my youthful energy
& desire to get on & succeed. Such
chances do not occur more than
once or perhaps twice in a life time.
I have no special reason for going to
the West now unless I change my

whole course of life, & even then I shall have nothing to fall back upon, no reason for going specially & would be quite as likely to fail as to succeed.

This line will reach you at Mexico probably 2 or 3 days after our Drummond arrives in Mexic^o. I do hope that you will not slight my recommendation & request in reference to taking some share in his enterprise. I have given my opinion in the matter unconditionally & thoughtfully but of course must leave the decision with you as I am still a penniless student, without standing or property. The enterprise will be a successful & a useful & a profitable one, & might even possibly lead to some more hopeful & congenial employment for myself, as they will of course require not a few agents of different kinds both on the ground & over here to manage their extensive schemes.

I have received no Winnipeg papers whatever, but only those from Brit. Col. which I dare say for mistake for the former. Possibly George ordered them to be sent to him.

Ever your dutiful son
Franklin.