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My dear Father,

I telegraphed on arrival here & since then have been too much occupied that I have postponed writing from day to day, now, however, I must really write at least an apology. What between getting Schooner unloaded & out of Commission, paying off men & getting packing & stowing of things attended to, together with preliminary work about exhibition matters, & interviews from all sorts of people with specimens in their pockets I have not been able to look round. I had hoped to take today to pay a few calls which I owe & for not paying which I feel I am likely to fall into disgrace, but must postpone it till tomorrow again. I shall probably have to run off to Kamourisc & also to Bernard Silet-type I get through with making arrangements for

Several exhibits in London. Have to meet
 Mr Brownman - who has been at work in Cariboo -
 here next week, & altogether have my hands full
 for I think at least ten days. After which I hope to
 be able to get away Southward. After a long fine
 dry season the rains threaten to begin & though if
 I had been able to contemplate returning at
 once on arrival here I might have ~~been~~ kept
 longer in the field it is perhaps as well now that
 it is coming chronically and to be in doors.

The Macdonalds (senior) have got back here
 from London & Mr M. has called on us, but
 I have not seen him & been able as yet to get
 time to return the call.

In answer to your paper about Boodle &
 my paper on Cambrian of Rocky Mountains - I
 would give a verbal exposition of the matter from
 notes & have no paper to send to printer. The
 substance of communication will be included in
 my next report & Mr Boodle need not wait
 for the paper. With kind regards to all
 yours George

S. Macdonalds
 1854