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My dear Father,

I got back from a flying trip to Toronto yesterday morning & suppose Bernard reached Montreal this morning as he proposed staying a day longer than I did.

Syrell has brought back some rather good Laramie bones from the A.M., from near Coaldale & would you care to be very glad if you could take time to look at them. There are not many species & some of them are well preserved so that if known species they should be easily determined. Shall I have them put in a box & sent down to wait your convenience? I might be able to unpack & arrange them when down at Christmas.

You will be sorry to learn that old Dr. Tolmie has died, it would seem was of old age than any particular trouble. I had a note from his son today.

You may be prepared to see me rather well scalped in next Science. I wrote a fairly

severe letter on a book on Alaska by a
 Mr Elliott in which he has boldly appropriated
 what I said about the Haidas in my report
 & transplanted the whole to the Sitka Archipelago.
 But they very soon to my regret I wrote rather
 too strongly as the editor writes that he thought it
 only fair to Mr E. to send my letter & his to
 that my reply he might wish to make might appear
 at same time. This it appears (we find
 Mr E. an exceedingly good chance of making
 it but for us.

I shall write down tomorrow a protest but shall
 bear Chambers. Or perhaps may arrive tomorrow
 but probably not till Sunday

Yours
 Gifford

George
 Dec 26