

George Messy

The Friar,

Redon & Harbagle,
PROPRIETORS.

Victoria, B. C.

29 April 1887

My dear Father,

Arrived here last night, or rather early this morning, about 3 Am, the train being about 5 hours late on account of mud slides in the mountains. I shall now have several days a plenty of time to make preparations for expedition, as it is probable that I shall not get away till the 9th May. People here complain of a backward & cold spring, & the season is late everywhere across the Continent. About the Summit of the Rockies the woods are still full of snow & the

Snow is in heaps at the
 Selkirk Summit & valleys on
 both slopes. On the western
 part of the plains the grass is
 green & all the snow gone.
 The same in the Columbia
 Valley. The Country from
 Kamloops down to Coast
 Range warm & dry with trees
 in leaf & berry bushes in
 flower. Here a little behind,
 but trees leafing out. There
 are merely travelling notes, but
 I have not yet got anything
 else to Communicate.

I think it might be worth while
 subscribing for the Weekly Gazette
 for me, to be sent to Victoria. If
 there should be any chance of
 forwarding mails I will however
 send instructions to forward.
 yours
 George