

Deare Lake. Carriac, B.C.

7 June 1887

My dear Father,

We arrived here day before yesterday, & are temporarily delayed by ice which still remains on the lake, which is large, with a small outlet, in consequence of which the ice does not run out but stays on till it thaws in place. About 3 m. of this end of lake is, however, now open, & I hope to get down & where our boats are being built tomorrow or next day. The season is late, & as there was no communication with mines here during winter, the preparations for us were not made in the way I had anticipated. We had but only to build our boats but to saw out the lumber necessary for them. Delays have accumulated to such an extent that I fear we shall be nearly a month later in leaving this lake than I had anticipated. Had we got here a couple of weeks ago & found boats & provisions ready, we might have taken them to lower end of lake on the ice & set out on river, which has been open a long time no doubt. It is quite possible that we may not be able to get round & back to sea at Chilkoot (head of Lynn Canal) before ice closes the rivers, & in that case it will be necessary to stay somewhere near mouth of Stewart on Yukon till winter

travelling is good, & perhaps even preferable to remain
all winter rather than make the trip out on the snow. I do not
propose doing this if it can be avoided, but advise you
so that you may not feel anxious if it should prove necessary.

The weather is now delightful, & the aspens &c look quite
green, though not fully leafed out. You may hear accounts
of some trouble between miners & Indians on Yukon,
of which reports have reached here, but nothing very precise
or sufficient to warrant change in plans previously
made. Should I hear as we go on that there is likely
to be any serious difficulty of this kind, it may prevent
we from carrying out original scheme, as we are not
fitted out for warfare, & do not propose engaging in it.

I have a chance of sending this back at the moment, with
perfect that it will sometime be posted at Wrangell, & so
must end

With love & all

Yours affectionately Son

George.

George June 8/81