

Please thank
William for his
letter with much
kindness & hope
to hear soon

George
Aug 17.
Fort Macleod. N.W.T.

Dear Foster,

I have just received
yours from Dalhousie of
July 27th, & write a note to
acknowledge it, & tell you my
plans for the next month.
I have written to Annie & was
fully in a gomy vein, &
so put no news in this letter.
On leaving the tomorrow morning
I shall start for Calgary on
the Bow River, reaching it
in about a week. I spend a week
or so westward to the of Polaris

in Rocky Mountains there,
 then descend to Bow River
 to the mouth of the Belly, meeting
 Mc Cornell with waggons there.
 He meanwhile will have explored
 the country between the Calgary trail
 & Bow River. We hope to meet
 you a day at the Blackfoot
 Crossing on Sept. 5; but the
 movements of the For. Gen. may
 somewhat interfere, as I must
 take the utmost care to avoid
 his party, contact with which
 might possibly result in being to
 be claim the Bow in his boats
 or something of the sort, & give me
 my journey to Calgary for nothing.

I hope to get a good section
 on the Down & settle some
 points but set at rest on the
 Belly. I found a few days
 ago a very pretty species of
 Clematis, of which I tore up
 some roots, & shall send by
 post to you a few plants which
 seem to have buds & might
 grow.

Love to Mother & all
 at home

Your affectionate Son
George