

Lawrence



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My dear Father,

I am still in
Winnipeg as you see, &
as yet without any
immediate prospect of
getting westward. Floods
& washouts on the line
have delayed everything
and done much damage
I fear, to the interests of
this country for a time.
No freight has been for-
warded here for several
weeks, from the southward
and business men are
naturally inclined to com-

2) plain bitterly of the
loss of time. But of
course it cannot be
helped or cured, and so
must be put up with
as best may be.

For my own part I am
now quite ready for a
start westward, having
rec^d the tin box forwarded,
with instruments &c. & having
furnished myself with
such medical stores as I
shall require for present - The
necessity for my going west
has fortunately been post-
poned, as well as the
possibility of getting, as little
or nothing can be done until
supplies & construction material
can be pushed out. Mr. Lang-

3/ don I shall see tonight or tomorrow; &
I am in hopes that chaos may be reduced
to order again by beginnings of next week.
Time has not however hung at all heavily on
my hands: I have been very comfortable in my
little room & in the club here, and ~~spent~~
with seeing old friends & making ~~arrangements~~
arranging supplies &c. &c. have been fully
occupied. Amongst other things I took a
few hours, a night or two ago, to pen off
a little article on Canadian Progress — a
rough thing, I have not even read it over,
but I think bringing out some facts little
understood on the other side — which I
thought of sending to the "Leisure Hour". I have
not the address of their offices & so send it to
Montreal, asking you to re-address. You, I pre-
sume know the editor, having often contributed
in time past, & if you deem advisable
might enclose a line of introduction which
would of course help it in, provided you
think it suitable. Otherwise send, & let it
take chance.

I was fortunate today in getting, through a friend
a capital little pony, which I think will suit
my purpose capitally; — fortunate I say as ^{good} ponies
now are few & far between.

With love & kind remembrances to all at home

Your affec^{ate} Son,
Franklin.