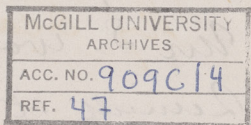


Quasnel B.C.  
Aug 22. 75.



Dear Mother

I take the opportunity of  
writing a few lines while waiting  
for the starting of the boat for Soda Co.  
I hope to get all my material put  
across the river there this evening, &  
tomorrow morning steer westward.  
My party for the present will consist  
of Self, Reeves (Cook brought up from  
Victoria) & two Indians. I pack  
Forses, & two riding horses. I was  
not have another chance to write  
perhaps for some weeks, so that  
you need not wonder why you  
often arrive.

Mr Selwyn has been indirectly heard of

Here lately, & it seems that his  
Canvas boat was upset on the  
Parump R—a tributary of the Peace—  
Mr S. was not in the boat  
Remainly at the time (according to  
Report) but some saddles were  
lost, & his cook nearly drowned.  
There would probably be no difficulty  
in replacing the Saddles, & it  
is very likely that the whole thing has  
been exaggerated.

The weather here for some time back  
has been very warm, but it always  
cools down at night, & next  
month heat will probably be a  
disideratum.

This Inuvial is a poor little place,  
& has already seen its best days.  
It was built up almost in a

Summer at the time of the  
Carbo gold excitement, & has  
ever since been retrograding. There are  
two or three good enough farms in  
the neighbourhood, but I really cannot  
see what the people here live on, if  
not on each other. A stage arrives  
every week from Barkerville the  
Centre of Carbo, & the Steamer  
comes up once a week from Soda Cr.  
With the exception of an occasional  
teamsters train this constitutes the  
entire <sup>business</sup> ~~business~~ of the place.

I have not written to William for  
some time, please make my excuses  
to him when you write, if he has  
not returned by the time this reaches.  
I have been traveling away so fast  
that I have not had time to write

to Catch up, & cannot now  
hope to receive any till I get  
round to Blackwater, which may  
be in three weeks. Of William I  
have not heard for an age.

I dont know whether I told you  
that I have already come across three  
M<sup>r</sup>. Sell M<sup>r</sup>. Do in this country.  
I daresay there are many more  
to be discovered.

I left a little bill at James' for  
making two din discs for the Micrometer  
telescope. If he sends it in Foster will  
pay for me, & keep the receipt as it  
is chargeable to the survey.

With love to yourself & all  
at home

Your Obedient Son  
George