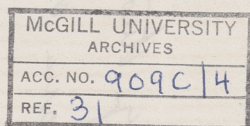


Camp near Ft. Fraser B.C.

Oct. 1. 1876.



My dear brother,

I have made it a practice this summer to send you a little note on chance whenever occasion offered, & though all may not reach you, some at least probably do. This is one of those chances. I am now back here, (where my last was dated from) having completed my trip round Francis Lake, & since made a short trip over to Stewart Lake to counsel with Mr Selwyn's work of last summer. I got a few rather interesting fossils there, having found a bed of the limestone full of silicified Fusulinas, proving the Carboniferous age of the

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So-called Lower Cache Creek Foresters —
this for Foster.

I am now on the point of starting, tomorrow
morning, to make the descent of the Ne-cha-ko
River to Fort George, by Canoe. An Bowman
wheatshe going round by the trail with the
Pack-train & meeting me there. My Crew
consists of three Indians of the place, two
of whom are very well acquainted with the
river, & one of them having been on the
Francis Lake trip also — a peculiar
old character called Je-sen which is so
like Jason that I call him so. The
Indians about here are a great host,
however, being inveterate beggars, though
I believe in the main honest. If they
were only Clean one might forgive them
a good deal, but that they are

Not.

I hope to be down at Zussul about the fifteenth of this month, or rather before. The weather is now beautifully fine, warm during the day & cold at night, with the poplars in a blaze of yellow & in some places already beginning to lose their leaves. We have seen a few flakes of snow already towards, & before long we may see more, looking one to be on the way southward.

With regard to the Palaeontology affair I suppose it is all settled by this time, & I see an item in one of the Victoria papers stating that it was reported that Mr Wilkins had been appointed, which I presume is probably correct. If so I

am not in the least disappointed, as if I had been at home I should probably never have entered the lists at all, & though there are some things to be said in favour of the place there are many against it, especially the fact that for a long time to come I would not feel at all at home in it, or master of the position.

I am satisfied of these little notes with next to nothing in them, but not knowing whether I may not reach Zussul before this does, I don't feel much inclined to write a long letter.

Your loving son
George.