



New Westminster B.C.

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My dear Mother,

My intention was to
have written two long letters before
leaving Victoria, one giving some
account of my journey there, the other
of occurrences there & plans. The
first has been accomplished & addressed
to Anna, the second has fallen through,
but here on my way up the country
I must send back some account
of my movements.

Though a week in Victoria I feel as
though I accomplished little there,
one really gets into lazy loafing
habits in travelling so long, & the

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When I had to look after letters
with broken fragments of time as
they went slowly but not without
attention. You must give me credit
for doing my duty when I tell you
that the day after my arrival I
called on the Sent Governor, & made
also several other calls during my
stay. Last Saturday the Crosses
asked me to a boating party, which
not finding any excuse to refuse, I accepted.
Several people did not turn up
at the last moment, & I found myself
in for taking an oar, though not
an adept in rowing. We got
along however, going up to the head
of the Arm — about five miles —
when the excursion resolved itself into
a picnic. The second part of the

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Party leave overland on Forsetack, & we had a continued spread, rowing back again during twilight & after dark. The weather was charming & on the whole the trip was very enjoyable. People in Victoria are very kind & I was obliged to decline several invitations on account of business connected with my departure.

I am now on my way up to Kawloops which will probably be my centre during a great part of the summer. A number of the Railway people are also on the steamer, most of them not going so far as Kawloops & some of them further. Mr Cambie I hope to see on the way or at Kawloops, & from Mr Selwyn I have

heard that I may depend on the same assistance in the way of transport & supplies as formerly. I will probably write again before leaving Kawloops telling you more particularly.

Please thank Rankine for his post-card & letter, the latter enclosing stamps.

I sleep on board the steamer tonight to avoid going to hotel & having to get up very early in the morning. There is noise & confusion on board & I am tired & must therefore writing at greater length.

Your affectionate son
George