

Coldstream, near head of
Okanagan L. B.C.

July 7. 1870

My dear Mother,

I arrived here yesterday from the Southward, & am sending 10 m. to the post office at the head of the Lake for my mail, which I directed to be sent there. I do not know exactly when the mail goes out, but post this on chance of its reaching sometime. I have not received any letters now for more than a month, & so expect to have quite a budget of news when my messenger returns.

To begin with I am quite well, the weather so far has not been at all excessively warm, on the contrary rather exceptionally cool & showery. I am camped here near Mr Vernon's place. He is an English gentleman who does some farming here, besides attending to various public duties, is that of J.P. &c. This is Saturday. I propose staying here over Sunday, & perhaps Monday, as the rocks are interesting & the country all open. Then I start for Cherry Creek. It will take about 3 days going in (distance about 40 miles) a like time returning, so that I can hardly hope to get back here under eight days. Four day's more should then take me to Kamloops, where I will rest & prepare for another

town, though which of the many I have planned
I cannot yet say.

I want to get my Indian off, & so cannot
take time to write much, nor have I much
to narrate had I plenty time. When
Kenulooks is again reached I will be
able to answer all letters &c.

This I suppose will reach you at Metz.

With love to all,

Your affectionate Son
George.

I think I have killed a dozen mosquitos
while writing these few lines. They are not here
by abundant or troublesome yet however.

The Indian troubles we hear of to the south
do not affect this part of the world at
all, where all is peace.

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