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My dear Mother,

You will see I am now  
again at Kawloops, having  
returned from my Shushwap L.  
trip, which I propose to call the  
"Cruise of the Pseudomorph"  
after my good vessel (Canoe) of  
that name. I have been here all day  
writing up notes &c &c, & start-  
tomorrow morning early on a short  
trip up the N. Thompson to see  
a coal deposit there. The distance  
is about 45 miles & it may be five or  
six days ere I return. I had fully  
intended writing at considerable  
length to several at home, but the day

Could you a then for a little while  
 change personalities with some  
 of you for half an hour, that it  
 might be properly enjoyed for myself  
 I seem to have got Saturday writes  
 Womburns as to such an extent that

they hardly look picturesque to me.  
 The weather is exceedingly warm again  
 now, the thermometer soaring up  
 among the ninety's almost every day.

On the lake we had some warm weather,  
 but as soon as the sun went down  
 the cool air of the lake made it  
 pleasant. as we were severely  
 camped on the very beach, my tent  
 often opening not ten or fifteen feet  
 from the water's edge.

I feel sure there are very stupid  
 letters now lying beside me requiring



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reply or notice, but must defer looking  
things for them till next time. I remember  
however, your questions about Ira. My  
opinion, founded on little, is that the  
expense & trouble of sending her to France  
for a winter would not be warranted by  
the probable result, & I think you will  
find William yet the same opinion. She  
might make a slight seeing trip afterwards  
at some time with one or other of us  
if that is considered desirable or  
necessary. However you must not let  
my opinion influence you, not much  
at any rate, as I don't very well  
know what the educational prejudices  
might be.

William I suppose I suppose I suppose  
I must wish to see him soon in answer  
to some questions of his. By the way,  
do you see ever yet - the one who  
he is coming home for. I thought his

I've been exceedingly hot & I have  
 been pretty busy, & I have been  
 almost tempted to go off on the  
 present little trip without writing at  
 all, & do so now fully on my  
 return. However, thinking this not quite  
 fair, - here is another yet a sort of  
 unsatisfactory kind.

The Stushwap's trip occupied just  
 fourteen days, all of which were  
 spent in travelling with the exception  
 of three half days, & a few odd hours  
 lost from wind & stormy weather. The  
 lake is a large one & very crooked, &  
 I suppose the coast line is not much  
 short of 200 miles, all of which I have  
 now surveyed topographically & geologically,  
 fixing important points by latitudes.  
 The scenery is very fine. I often wish I



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"Mission" was to occupy the whole  
summer.

I have been thinking about clothes &  
I believe I must have a new black  
cloth vest & trousers. The vest might  
open about an inch or an inch &  
a half lower than the coat & both should  
if possible match my dress coat - a small  
piece of black might perhaps be obtained  
for a sample. A suit of dark  
wool for winter, with double breasted  
vest, coat, & one pair of trousers  
would also be desirable. Will it be  
troubling you too much to ask you to  
order them from Cethie some time  
soon?

In about a week I hope to write

again, & we certainly will look  
over old letters for points omitted.

I have begun to me the trolley cap  
Sister you we sawe two ago,  
finding a trolley cap necessary  
in this peculiarly dry country.

The Soliman are run up here now  
very numerously. at the outlet of the  
Great Shushup L. we could see them  
as we came down in the canoe, going  
up over the bars further than we could  
count them - thousands in an hour -  
& this hundreds of miles from the sea  
after they have come up through all the  
bad water of the lower Tines, & run the  
gamut of the Camerun below, where  
they are now being "Canned" at the  
rate of over 70,000 lbs. a day - Still  
good & in good condition. The Indrag  
are making a good harvest. Your loving son  
George