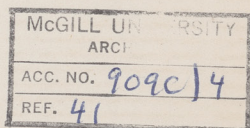


George

Bella Bella Sept 12. 1878



My dear Mother,

Here we are in the
Schooner, again at Bella Bella,
but this time on the way Southward.
I have no certainty when this note
may go, but as some steamer
may pass, will leave it, together
with another, written long ago but
never sent.

I left Rankine at Metta Katta,
well provided I believe with money
to carry him back to Montreal.
The "Grappler" on which he was to
take passage, passed us in the

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right some time ago, & is now
no doubt in Victoria. R. will miss
the steamer of Sept-10, but should get
home about October 1st. I requested
him not to get off the train & spring
on again at the last moment more
frequently than absolutely necessary
to preserve his mental & bodily
health; but noticing that he received
all these hints with considerable
reserve, believe that he made up his
mind to do just as he liked.

The weather is magnificent now, in
fact the finest we have had yet. Warm,
clear & without any fog. The only
drawback is the lightness of the winds,
which renders sailing rather slow

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I have not yet quite decided exactly how long I may stay at various places on the way to Victoria, but as the season is already so far advanced, judge it best to spend what fine weather remains on the way. There is no time for any separate expedition after return, & I am now provided with everything necessary for work along the Coast.

I do not intend to be very late in returning to Victoria, even in the case of continued fine weather, as I have several things to attend to there which may take some time, & must be in Montreal before very long to see about revision of report written last winter, which was left in an incomplete state.

Love to all

Your affectionate Son

Guy