



Victoria B.C.

Oct 24. 1878.

My dear Mother,

Your welcome letter of
October 8th, reached me a couple
of days ago, & I am glad to know
under such late date that all are
well at home, but sorry to hear that
William has been disappointed in
the Toronto affair, especially as
so much trouble you sort or another
has been taken about it.

I have decided not to leave here till
the regular boat sails next Wednesday,
finding that by going via Portland
a day or two sooner I cannot make

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Sure of gaining anything, while by
staying here I can get some tracings
made in the Lands & Works office
& look after other matters.

You ask me in your letter to telegraph
on my arrival at Victoria, but as
I had already been here some days
when I received the letter, & a
written notification of my arrival
was on the road, I thought I
might dispense with the Ceremony.

Once on the way I shall have
no time in getting to Montreal,
& if in good luck may arrive
about Nov. 11.

The weather is fine here now, but

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not really settled. It is beginning to be cool, with occasional frosts at night, & all the old inhabitants find it an early & severe winter - for this place.

Rankine's description of Victoria contributed to the Witness has been reprinted in one of the papers here, but owing to the signature & place from which he dates, everyone attributes it to me, & wonders why I have been four years here & only find all that out now!

Lucy wrote again before leaving, though it is

scarcely probable that letters later than this ~~one~~ will reach Montreal before I do.

Please forgive this scrawl,

x Believe me
Yours long for

George
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