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My dear Mother

I suppose you will wonder why I have not written before to tell you my safe arrival here, but I thought that on such a short journey it might be taken for granted. I went at once to the Grand Union Hotel where I have for a comfortable enough room & where I propose to stay for a week or so at any rate, while I look round for work perment

quarters. This I have not
 yet begun to do, but am
 collecting information by degrees.
 I have not got into my own
 office yet, but occupy at
 present a table in Mr Selwyn's
 while Carpet is being laid &
 other things attended to which
 might as well have been done
 long ago. There is something
 wrong with the Chimney too
 & it was this that caused
 Percy's trouble a few days
 ago. Some sort of back draft
 was established which filled
 the room with gas from the stove.
 It was shut up & Percy was

went into it for a moment
to get some books, but was
thoroughly poisoned by carbonic
oxide & very ill for some time
afterwards. Steam heating
apparatus is now in course
of being fitted into the building
& will before long prevent the
possibility of the occurrence
of any such accidents from
stores. The hotel where I am
staying is not more than five
minutes walk from the
Museum so that it is quite
convenient. In fact Ottawa is
not so large that it is easy to

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so far away from any central
point. I find that arrangements
have been made for franking letters
to & from here, which will be a
saving in postage. Anybody you
address to me mark -

Department of Interior
Geol. Survey.
Sussex Street
Ottawa

& it will require no stamps.
I breakfasted early this morning, at
ten o'clock & as it is nearly one o'clock
now duty seems to impel me
to go & get some lunch; so
no more at present.

Yours affectionately
George

I send some copies of paper on B.C.
Geol. to Father. They are all here in good order.