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My dear Mother,

I reached here today,  
& as there is a little steamer  
which leaves tomorrow & runs  
south & connect with N. P. Ry,  
I am writing a line to report  
my whereabouts. I have not heard  
any home news since I left, as  
I got away from Rawlroops  
before any letters reached there. So  
far this trip has been very  
favourable in respect to weather  
& all else, & in about two  
weeks I hope to reach the  
railway again at Revelstoke.  
On leaving Revelstoke we ran down  
the Columbia River in a boat &

down the Arrow Lakes to the  
 mouth of the Kootenai. There we  
 got a few horses & crossed us  
 by trail to a new little mining  
 town named Nelson, situated  
 at the outlet of Kootenai R from  
 the Lake. Got another boat at Nelson  
 & came here. Tomorrow I can  
 go round to see a look at  
 the mines in the hills behind  
 this place & I will then visit  
 Hendryx on opposite shore of lake,  
 after which I shall if possible  
 go to the head or north end of  
 the Lake, & from there return to  
 Nelson, & back by the way we  
 came in. Have two very decent  
 quiet men with us from Revelstoke,  
 with swedes. Young Edgar is  
 also with us, & gets along very  
 well. Mr. Eddy, my proper assistant

is out to the north west of  
 Raindrops & I hope to connect  
 with him as soon as I get  
 back from this side trip.  
 This 'town' consists of a store with  
 a few log houses & a number  
 of tents. It takes its name  
 from a warm spring close by,  
 which may be used for bathing.  
 The water is just pleasantly warm,  
 not hot & flows out somewhat  
 copiously, with a slight saline  
 taste. I suppose by this time  
 that you are thinking of  
 migrating to Mexico & finally  
 this little way catch you there.  
 Possibly Rankine may have  
 decided by this time what  
 he proposes to do, & if so

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I should be very glad to hear  
when you write.

With love to all at home,

yours

George  
