

Victoria B.C.

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My dear Anna,

I sit down at last to write a few lines in answer to a whole budget of letters, some received before leaving Blackwater. Your "important letter" was not quite latter, but I hope you will not think me neglectful in not answering it sooner, as I have kept up with the mail on the way down. When you ask me what I think about it - I really do not know what to say, but that as I feel sure from what you write that you are perfectly satisfied with your choice, I cannot be otherwise than quite the same mind. I am really very glad that Harrington is the favoured, though why you should suppose

Must Love  
that I ~~had~~ suspected it, I cannot  
tell, especially when you took such pains  
to impress me with the attractions &  
solitary position of Mr — at Metis.  
Earnestly, I wish you ~~all~~ happiness  
& prosperity, but paper talking is at  
least unsatisfactory. Please continue to  
make my your confidante in your  
plans.

I arrived here only three days ago by  
steamer from New Westminster,  
having met Mr Selwyn at Fort-  
George, & travelled all down the Fraser R  
with him. He sails from here for  
Montreal on the 10th. & meanwhile has  
business to occupy him, connected  
with the getting together of a collection for  
the exhibition at Philadelphia next summer.

I have no very definite plans yet for my winter, but think it likely that I may have some weeks work at this exhibition whether after Mr S. leaves.

Mr Walkem the Premier of this province travelled part of the way with us on the slope. His younger brother is boarding at this Hotel at present & is an old

McGill Medical student, & brother of the Mary W - whom I used constantly to hear when you were at Mrs Simpsons in the old days. So things turn up. I missed seeing a gentleman in N. Westminster who said he knew my grandfather & father & was very anxious to know me, but I daresay I shall have an opportunity of giving him the pleasure in future.

as I think it - speaks well for  
the family when a man who has known  
your father & Grandfather wants to know  
you.

We were out - today in the less suited  
parts of the city - looking for Indian  
or Chinese curiosities, but without meeting with  
any very great success. The Chinamen are  
most peculiar people for importing their customs  
into foreign countries wholesale. You can walk  
into their shops here & see shelves full of Joss papers  
Joss-sticks, Chop-sticks, Chinese shoes &c. &c.  
& always on the store a tripod - "boiling up",  
while on a neighbouring table half a dozen of  
their small Cops lie in a pan of water  
ready for extraction & use.

Pump led-time at this season is about  
7.30 & as it has now somewhat got to be  
past 11 o'clock. I must postpone other letters  
till the morning when I may get a few  
minutes. Your ever loving Brother  
George.