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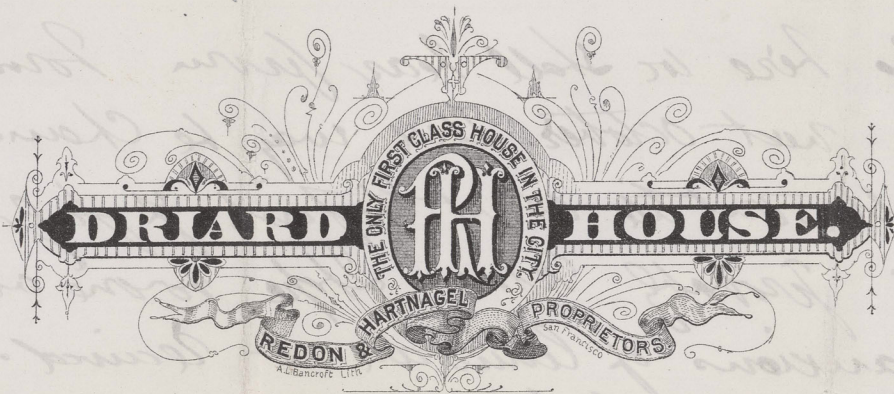


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My dear Anna,

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We arrive here yesterday morning at half past four ~~AM~~ but being the Queen's birthday fresh everything shut up & the town in fact nearly deserted, everyone going off on excursions of one sort or other. Today being Sunday continues the enforced idleness but on Monday I hope to get much done toward working on. It is, however, scarcely likely that we can leave here for some days yet, & indeed it will not advance us to do so as our transport, in the form of pack mules or carmacks, get for some time be ready to set out from Luesnel. As already advised it is probable that I may go up the Skeena with some of the railway engineers, meeting the train at Fort St. James, Stuart Lake. When all plans are fully made I will write again, giving details. As far as I can see at present, however, it will be little use sending letters here after ~~the~~ the middle of next month. In fact it is very doubtful whether

after leaving here we shall hear from home till
some time next October. There may be chances of
sending letters out till about the first of July, but after
that date probably none. Hope some at home
will be anxious if letters are not received.

On the way across I have gone through Waukegan
Dugoldby depends a stall mail the look back to you
in a few days.

We came up from San Francisco on a steamer called
the "City of Chester" Comfortable enough, but a terrible

roller, which circumstance rendered us all rather
nervous for a day or so. However we got well over

this & enjoyed the latter part of the trip. Besides

Dupuy & McConnell there were several CP Ry

engineers & viz. Cantie, Keifer, Haretsky, Mr Lord

& with the Rev. Mr Gordon from Ottawa who

intends with Mr Fleming's permission accompany one

of the engineering parties across to Red River. He

has doffed his Clerical rigging for the occasion.

This scuttle written with bad pen into a paper at

a desk in the hotel is merely to let you know

of my safe arrival by the earliest mail. When

feeling more inclined for the business & with better

opportunities I shall write more fully

Meanwhile believe me with love to all
your affectionate brother George