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C. P. R. Train
12 O'clock (noon) - not
far from Sudbury
Wednesday
July 11th 1888

Dear Anna,
after frantic exertions
I got off last evening and am
now steaming along through the
wilds. Occasionally we get a
pretty view, but there is not
much scenery on this part
of the road worth looking
at & what there is I have
already seen. To-morrow,
however, I fancy it will be
very different.

The C. P. R. cars are certainly
sumptuous, and there seems
almost an incongruity between
them & the surroundings

One feels that he ought to sit down to pork and beans instead of dining like a duke — but these are days of paradoxes and incongruities. It is a close day and my thermometer stands at 80°. The clouds too look angry & wet, and before night we may have a specimen of a Lake Superior thunder shower.

My fellow travellers are for the most part uninteresting but fortunately I like my own society better than that of most people, and

besides I can read and study.

Last evening just before leaving old Forsyth introduced me to a "young lady" just out from Scotland & on her way to Banff. To-day I heard her telling some-one that her sister is assistant house-keeper at the Banff hotel. I suppose she is going to be "assistant" to her sister.

Opposite me is an Englishman who seems inclined to be agreeable, and who is really the only person in the car worth "cultivating."

The mattress was sent
 the day after I ordered
 it and must surely have
 reached you before this.
 The Station master had
 heard nothing of it the day
 I came up. I intended
 to call at the Club for
 the Harper which you
 wanted, but was unable
 to do so. I however sent you
 (or ordered Dupdall to send)
 the summer number of the
 Illustrated News. —

The shower has arrived
 and we are having a regular
 downpour which I hope
 will clear the air — and
 my head at the same time.
 Sudbury. have to post this here. B —