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Dear Anna,

I reached this place yesterday morning and expect to remain until Tuesday and then to start for home. I am sorry not to do the work for the C.P.R. people in British Columbia but have about made up my mind not to return there as it is getting so late in the season and I feel the need of a few days rest and a little time for thought before plunging into the work of another session. Even without going there it will probably be Sept. 1st or 2^d before I get to Mexico, as I shall probably have to stop over at Winnipeg as well as at Montreal. If it had not been for all the miserable

delays to which ² I have been subjected
I might just as well as not have
returned to B.C. and put me a two
hundred dollars in my pocket with
Comparatively little trouble.

Mr Search is down in the ranching
country near Fort McLeod and is to
join me at Dunmore a few miles east
of this on Sunday and go on to Winnipeg
with me.

After leaving Calgary I spent a couple of
days in the Crowfoot country, staying at
a little log shanty with some young men
named Clark who were very obliging and
did everything in their power to help me.
They are Scotchmen but came out to
Canada in 1875 and lived for several
years at Lacbute where their father
still resides. They had a buckboard
& pair of good horses which enabled
me to give over a good deal of ground
in a short time. I crossed the reserve
of the Blackfoot Indians and saw
at one place near the Agency as many
as fifty lodges dotting the prairie. The
gaudy dressed Indians ^{with their} hundreds of ponies
and dogs made it an animated and striking
scene which I shall not soon forget. It was