

C. P. R. Train

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Dear Anna,

I am on my way
to Kamloops & expect to meet
William there on my arrival
this evening and to begin going
over the line with him ^{to-morrow}.
He wrote to say that we could
get through in three days, mais
non venons. I am very glad
now that I saw the mountains
when I did, for at present
many of the finest views are
spoiled by ^{smoke from} bush fires. The weather
is hot here, but not nearly so
hot as at Medicine Hat where
the temp. yesterday was 95°. I rode

yesterday morning about 15 miles,
but did not suffer more
from the heat than I should
have done at home with
a temperature of 75° or 80°. On
the train yesterday afternoon,
however, it was frightfully hot.
The Pullman is full, and
in fact the trains both east
and west are pretty full
every day. Lord Karsberg was
"on board" this morning and
I had a long chat with
him and found him very
pleasant and unassuming. He
was got up in blue overalls
and might easily have been
mistaken for a miner or
a rany. We have also two
young Californians and an

English professor whose name I do not know.

Yesterday I telegraphed to let you know that I had decided to return to British Columbia as I had previously written to say that I was not going. I hope to get to Winnipeg by the 15th of September and shall be on the look out for letters from you there. You must also write to Montreal for anything that you want there. Fruit & vegetables will be abundant & I shall take a supply of them if I have time to get them. I shall however not remain over night unless it is absolutely necessary.

I am glad that you
 have made arrangements
 with regard to Kate and
 her sister and hope that
 you will be equally suc-
 cessful in securing a nurse.
 I have had serious thoughts
 of engaging a Chinaman
 for you. Owing to the
 numerous curves the train
 is very shaky and I cannot
 write more. With love for
 yourself and all the bairns
 Yours Fred B.

I have not written to Laura
 for a long time. If you are
 writing please tell her where
 I am.

