



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

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Geological Survey of Canada.

Dear Sir

I have to request you to proceed - as soon as possible to British Columbia for the purpose of continuing the geological investigations ^{there} upon which you have been engaged during the two past seasons. In carrying out this work you must be, in a great measure, guided by circumstances. Should, however, nothing, at present unforeseen, occur to prevent your doing so, it will I think be desirable to turn your attention this season to making as thorough an examination as possible of the Central Coal-bearing region, from Nanaimo

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Southward, including the Nicola Valley. I am not at present aware of any special investigations being required this year in connection with the Pacific Railway Survey. I shall probably hear from Mr Fleming on this point in the course of a few days: and also as regards the assistance which you may expect to receive from the resources of the Railway Survey in the matter of transport stores &c. — I send you with this a letter of credit authorizing you to draw on me at 3 days sight to the extent of \$3000.00 which I am hopeful by exercising all due economy, you will find more than sufficient for your seasons expenses.

I am My dear Sir

Yours sincerely

Wm A. B. Stewart