

Little Metis
Sept 3/78

Dear George,

Your welcome letters
to me and Anna and Rankin's
to Mamma, arrived yesterday and
are as good as a fortune to
me. Notwithstanding the knowledge
that there might be no chance of
receiving letters, the long interval
between June 8 & September 2d,
so much longer than at any
previous time, caused an un-
defined feeling of uncertainty very
hard to bear. I am, I can assure
you, very thankful to hear of your
welfare and to hope that the
interval before hearing again may
not be so long. Should your calculation
as to time be right, you ought at
this time to be at Fort Simpson
and may perhaps be in Victoria
as soon as this can reach.

We are all well, and
have little to tell of. I go up with

8/18
Cora to Montreal to = modern
William, Mamma, ~~Anna~~ Anna
& Eric remain here a week
longer. I have finished the
first copy of my little book
on life = speech, and the
subject has proved very
interesting & instructive to me,
and I hope will do some
good, as it brings together very
curious facts as to what
we know respects the intro-
duction and continuance of
life forms. When I set
up I have at me to go into
the work of preparing for
the session and arranging
the large stores of fossils
I have got together in the

Sumner, especially those from the
Liggins trees. Harrington has
gone up the Ottawa to study
the phosphate regions. I have
heard nothing for a long time
of Selwyn, who is no doubt
staying in England or France.
William has had no answer
as yet from Princeton or the
Military School at Kingston,
at both which there are vacancies
for which he has applied. Poor
David of the Navy has been
ill of typhoid, but is now
convalescing.

As to Perkins, as soon as
you get to Victoria I think he
should return, so as not to
lose more than can be helped
of his medical education, if as

hope he still inclines that way.
The Currying down in medicine
with I hope is a very good
one, as our staff is all in
good working order and we
are getting the building polished
up a little. The Council of Public
Instruction has, at my instance, made
a strong representation to the Government
about the injustice of requiring funds
in order to pass a matriculation exam-
ination, and I hope we shall
get this blot removed.

We all send our good
wishes and love to you and
Auntie, and I hope Maama
and Anna will write before they
leave this place.

May God continue to
bless you, and to give you
all success and protection.
Ever your affectionate
father

P.S. I write to tell about business in the
County of Virginia & at Newport.