

295. University St.  
Montreal.

Sept 29/97

Dear Sarge,

Rankine left us  
last evening by the Lake  
Winnipeg. I wished him to  
stay a little longer, and to  
transfer his baggage to the  
Dominion or Allan boat at  
the end of the week, but  
he had a return ticket on  
the Beaver line, and was  
anxious on account of his  
wife in London, so would  
not stay, though he regretted  
not seeing you.

So far as I can learn  
he does not expect much

I sent a letter to Harriet on Monday & await  
your return. This I trust you have received.

I do not know how  
busy you may be with  
affairs of work on your  
return; but hope you  
may have time to run  
down this week if not  
next, to see us two fair  
and lovely people, who  
will rejoice greatly to see  
you once more.

William is at latest  
accounts in Cuba; but  
I still think that I suppose  
you be merely waiting for  
a conveyance to reach the  
mainland. Florence will  
be able to tell you of his  
movements; but I hope he  
may be home in a few days.  
Harriet and I send all  
love,  
Yours ever  
JMS

These matters or anything  
Carlyle may inquire for  
the Govt of B. C., such an  
information may aid him  
in setting out of any ventures  
he may have without so  
great loss as might result  
from want of knowledge.  
I think he sees that he has  
no chance of much success on  
the lines he has been following  
in these matters.

In a letter some time  
ago I had intended to enclose  
one from Thomas of Glasgow,  
but it was unalaid, and  
turned up only to-day. It shows  
about he wants, and might  
perhaps interest Mr. Whiteaves. I  
shall enclose it in this. You  
need not return it.

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