

Little Metis,
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Dear Rankine,

I was much
amoyed to find by
your letter your Port
said that some of
our numerous, spells
had reached you.
There must surely be
some carelessness at
the office. Our deficiency
in address is that
you have neglected to
mention the name
of your parent please

So we cannot put
that in the address.
I shall mark this
urgent and to be
forwarded in hope
you may get it some-
where.

We are all as usual
here. Hamington has
gone as far as Victoria
and has seen William
at Vancouver. H. seems
quite smitten with
the west and thinks
Vancouver a very

Charming place. It has
already 6 to 8000 people
and is a fine town
with a beautiful
park and granite
warehouses being
built. William
has been gaining largely
by his evidence before
the railway arbitrator
and has prospects
of promotion in the
C. P. R.; and also
is likely to have an
office in the City engineer
for Vancouver, but

This is as yet uncertain,
Harmytn had returned
& Bauff and was
& explore coal lands
in the Rockies. I was
uncertain if he would
see Sarge who is out
I remember Smith &
Kamloops,

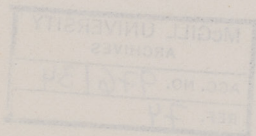
I am sorry my hat
and to is mamma
& separate her; but
old age is a bad
disease. The children
are all heavy and
flooming and
we are now beginning

Work forward to
the end of the
vacation and
renewed work
at home.

We all send
warm love and
very kind wishes
and I hope some
of the women folk
will write soon &
send you more scraps.

Ever yours

John Dawson



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