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My dear Harrison,

Your letter of September 8th arrived while I was in the West with Mr. Beatty on the Annual Trip taken by the Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It was a splendid trip and I enjoyed every minute of it, returning to Montreal much refreshed and invigorated. I visited places I had never been before, such as the Peace River Country, the Trail-Smelter, the Sullivan Mine, the West Coast of Vancouver Island. I am convinced that Vancouver Island will be one of the great pleasure resorts of the world. Nothing can surpass its beauty nor its climate. I was amazed at what I saw in the Peace River. We motored hundreds and hundreds of miles through country every bit of which seemed to me to be of great promise. I saw fields of wheat and oats with crops as good or better than anything I ever saw in any country. The terrain is not like the Prairie, where you see nothing but flat fields and the horizon. It reminds one somewhat of Ontario, where there is a good deal of feature, and many copses and trees. A great many people have gone in in the last ten years and seem very enthusiastic concerning their prospects, although owing to low prices this year they are as hard up as can be. It certainly is a land of very great promise and even north of the Peace the ground seems just as rich and promising.

As you know, Trail-Smelter and the Sullivan Mine are run largely by McGill people. Mr. Beatty told me that discoveries in the last two months had doubled the life of the Sullivan mine. I have not