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My dear Mr. Beatty:-

I am sending you herewith a clipping from a British Columbia paper, which apparently indicates that the beautiful stretch of forest near the Cameron Lake is to be completely cut down. You possibly will remember it in any drive you may have taken from Nanaimo to Alberni.

It seems to me it would be a very great pity and a great wrong to remove all traces of that splendid bit of virgin forest. I know that it is regarded as one of the best scenic assets of Vancouver Island and as one of the finest tracts of timber standing on the continent. The fact that the Alberni-Nanaimo road passes through it gives it additional value from a scenic point of view. I do not know whether the C.P.R. control the Logging Company mentioned, but if you do, I suggest you give further consideration to this question of cutting down the entire forest.

Yours faithfully,