



City Electrical Power House, Atholmer

"Ottawa, October 18th, 1908.

"Dear Mr. McBride,—I have just returned to Ottawa from my trip to the West, and my first letter must be one of thanks to you for the gift from your beautiful Province of one of the most delightful holidays I have ever enjoyed since I first began to enjoy holidays, nearly fifty years ago.

"Wherever I went I found the same enthusiasm and confidence in the future of the fruit industry. With the necessary irrigation, transportation, and labor secured, every yard of that country to which water can be led will be under orchard. If your fruit industry is properly pushed and cared for, your fruit valleys will soon show a larger number of happy, prosperous, wealth-producing, beautiful homes to the square mile than will be found in ten times a larger area in any other part of Canada.

"I have travelled much, but I have never seen any district offering in a greater degree a combination of splendid climate, beautiful scenery, rich land, and convenient situation.

Grander Than Yellowstone.

"I have been to the Yellowstone Park, and do not hesitate to say that the area to which I have referred is more grand, more varied and attractive.

"It is estimated that the tide of tourist travel in Switzerland leaves behind in its wake annually the huge sum of \$200,000,000. It is in the power of your people to divert a large portion of this enriching tide from Switzerland to British Columbia."

(Signed.) GREY."