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 HEAD OFFICE MONTREAL.
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 PRESIDENT, SIR H. MONTAGU ALLAN KT. VICE PRESIDENT, JONATHAN HODGSON, ESQ.
 E. F. HEBDEN, GENERAL MANAGER. SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT.

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OFFICE HOURS 9 a. m. till 4 p. m.
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 29.

by
**MISS J. J. ALLAN,
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LETTER FROM THE COAST

Haney, B. C., May 9, 1907.

To the Editor of Gazette:
 I promised to write another letter to the Mildmay Gazette of the continuation of my trip Westward.

I left the fair city of Winnipeg on May 2nd, a fine sharp, crisp morning, the sun shining bright, the air cold enough to make you keep on the move. At 11 o'clock our train pulled out for Brandon and other points west. It was not long before we reached Portage La Prairie, a nice town of about 5000 population, rather a stirring looking place and quite a lot of snow and ice at this point. The land is first-class. Also around McGregor, Austin and Carberry there were very heavy drifts of snow.

We arrived at Brandon at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, met my old friend Carnegie on the station platform, also had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Louis Fountain and daughter, Mr. Thos. Hetherington, and Mrs. Kidd. Brandon is quite a town and has grown to a wonderful size in the past five years, with a population of nearly 11000. I stayed here about a day and a half and had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Harvey Jasper, a former boy of Mildmay, filling a very important position in the Dominion Express Co's. office. There is a good deal of high rolling land around Brandon, quite a lot of stone around Elkhorn, a good deal of snow at this point, and the ditches frozen solid.

We were four hours late on account of an accident on the road at Fort William. We reached the little town of Broadview about 11 o'clock, a small town of about 600 population. This was a fierce cold day. The land is drying up fast with the heavy winds and frost.

We passed Sinaluta, a rich farming section, reached Regina at 3 o'clock, a stirring place of about 8000 population, good buildings and an enterprising looking place. I had a hand-shake with my old friend Chas. Hooley; he looks well.

Our next point was Moose Jaw, a town of over 7000 population, the prettiest town I saw in the west, on a high elevation and a beautiful place for a town. This is Thursday 5 o'clock p. m. The land here is fine high rolling land, quite a few patches of snow. Arrived at Mortlach at 6 o'clock, Chaplin at 7 o'clock. Quite a number of lakes here, land rough, lots of geese around here, also saw a skunk. This was a very cold night, had a good sleep, waked to find the car windows covered with a thick coat of frost. Half-past six Friday morning at Gleichen, seems to be a ranching country around here, lots of horses, a lot of Indian camps. Arrived at Calgary at 7 Friday morning. This is a town of about 17000 population, one of the busiest stations I saw on the line, a great deal of building going on and public works, likely to be a pretty large town. The scenery around Calgary is very fine, a great deal of ranching in this district.

Banff is near the start of the Rocky Mountains, and is a great resort on account of its hot springs and mineral waters, there is about 800 population and they are putting in water works. From this point to B. C. they seem to be blessed with abundance of fine water, and a number of people get off at Banff to take advantage of the Hot Springs and mineral waters. Also the scenery is very romantic. After leaving here we come to a small station called Laggan. At this place there is a monument erected of Canadian granite in memory of Heck, the great explorer of the Rocky Mountains who found the pass of the C. P. R. road in 1880. There was quite a lot of snow at this point. The train has to move very slow here on account of the tremendous sharp curves to get around those rocks. It is an exciting ride, the mountains on the one side towering up for hundreds of feet and the great gulf below, where you have to look away down to see the tops of the trees and the wonderful waterfalls. It makes one almost draw in their breath when you see the cars running so near the edge of a terrible precipice.

We next came to a station called Field where there is a few nice houses, also a nice little park right at the station. The boys had some great fun here, as there were a couple of tame bears which gave them lots of fun in wrestling matches.

Around Emerald and Golden stations there is some startling scenery. It is here you see the wonderful works of God and man. As you near Revelstoke there is some grand sights of waterfalls from the mountains. I got out at Revelstoke station, it was half-past one in the morning and was very cold. I lay down and had a good sleep and awakened early in the morning at a place called Kamloops. It was a wonderful translation to go to sleep in winter and wake up in summer, for the birds were singing, the flowers in full bloom, the leaves out on the trees and the grandeur of the scenery is simply beyond description.

The train runs straight along one of the principle streets, the river spreads out like a beautiful bay and the mountains are towering above another with their snowy peaks. At every turn you have something new to startle you. I wish I could have had some of my friends of Mildmay to have seen the sun rise as I saw it this morning; the sun shining on those mountains and the sparking of the snow in the sunlight was a sight of wonderful splendor. This is the place for painters that want subjects to paint from. All along here and there you will see the little houses built on the banks of the river by Indians and Chinamen. It is such an exciting ride you look out of the window and see each end of the train, which in many places runs so near the edge of the rocks that you could easily drop your handkerchief into the river below. At times you would think the cars were going right into the terrible gorge below, the curves are so very sharp. Suddenly you shoot through a tunnel through the rock and in places one after the other in quick succession. The river is exceedingly grand as it forges its way toward Vancouver. The English language is not expressive enough to describe the beauty and grandeur of such a trip as this, you would have to get the German language to do it. This great C. P. R. road through the mountains stands as a monument to the memory of Sir John A. McDonald, who was the means of such a project as this. It is one of the grandest accomplishments in the interest of the public generally that was ever prosecuted.

At a little village named Savona the train moves very slowly owing to the steep grades and the narrow space of cutting on the ledge of the rocks. We are about 100 ft. above the bed of the river. This is the first place since we started through the Rockies that we saw people seeding, at a village named Spence Bridge. The height of the mountains is something wonderful, towering their great heads to the skies like a great cathedral. A few gaunt looking log shanties dot the banks of the river. It is simply wonderful the height of the mountains with their snow capped peaks. You would think you could touch the blue sky from the top of them. The most beautiful waterfalls one after the other rushing down the mountain sides all feeders to make up the mighty Fraser River.

We come now to Grand Bend, perhaps one of the finest parts on the road for scenery, mighty cataracts, tunnel after tunnel shooting through those mighty rocks, mountains seem to reach higher and higher. After we pass Yale station the road seems to be a little straiter and we are making more speed, and in a short time you find the Fraser River widening out to about three-quarters of a mile. To look at some of the mountains in the distance you would think they were clouds in the sky.

The air is getting warmer as we pass along, the flowers seem to be rejoicing, the grass about 6 inches high, beautiful orchards and garden plots, the weather just perfect and makes one feel like getting rid of their underclothing, blossoms falling of the trees, strawberries blooming. You see but very little farming here in comparison with Ontario, but there are large tracts of country that has been very heavily timbered, that the fire has gone through and made terrible havoc.

I arrived at Haney, a little landing on the Fraser River, on Saturday afternoon. On Monday I went to see the farm owned by Mr. John W. Berry of Langley Prairie. He has one of the finest farms in that section of the country. His barn is about 40 X 90, the posts are 28 ft long and the lumber is the same length as the posts, the floor is perfectly close and a fine stable underneath. His farm has been very heavily timbered with cedar and fir trees which the fire has destroyed. Some of the stumps are about 10 ft. across the base. The raising of the stumps is the greatest part of the work. They dig under them and place a heavy charge of stumping powder under and blow them out, which is quite an interesting sight. This is a very hilly country, and the land is very rich and productive. It ranges in price all the way from \$50 to \$250 per acre. It is a wonderful country.

Everything is very high in price here. Meals are 50c., board is very high, wages are much higher than in Ontario, as you see they would have to be to allow the laboring man to earn a living. It is a great country, though only opening up. A man here on the banks of the Fraser river has ten acres of land with a blacksmith shop and house on it, and the house, a very common one at that, which he wants to sell. His price is \$400 per acre, a nice little figure you would say. Fruit here is one of the great sources of a living to many farmers, also coarse grain and stock.

My letter, no doubt, you will think pretty long. I may not trouble you again for some time. I thought it might interest some of your readers.

Yours truly,
 Geo. Curle.

Court of Revision.

The Municipal Council of the Township of Carriack will sit as a Court of Revision on.....

Monday, May 27th, 1907.

In the Town Hall Mildmay, at 10 o'clock a. m.

All parties interested will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

J. A. JOHNSTON, Clerk.

Clifford.

Mr. Wm. Newton was in town on Monday moving around quite freely. It will be some time, however, before he has fully recovered.

Mr. Robert Rollinson returned from Guelph hospital last week, and is now able to go around fairly well, and superintend the work of veneering his residence.

Mr. William H. Young is home from Toronto, and is to be congratulated in passing examinations at Toronto University. His name appears as "Pass" among the candidates for the Degree of Applied Science.

The annual meeting of the Union Farmers Institute will be held in the Town Hall, Clifford, on June 3rd, when Prof. G. E. Day of the O. A. C. will be present to address the meeting. Prof. Day is one of the best authorities in the Dominion of Canada to-day on Agriculture, and farmers should look ahead and arrange their work so as to be free on the third of June to attend this meeting.