

Grants Creek, B. C.
August 27th 1898.

My dear,

I have about an hour to devote to writing. I packed my bundles, and folded the clothes ready for wearing in the morning, and must set bread to night. Herbert began studying to-day, and Hugh has just got in from the office. He has had a very long day of it. A man came at 6 this evening collecting a lot of records hunted up, and as Hugh pretended going out to begin receiving to-morrow, he had to find them to night. I wish you and Elizabeth were keeping house in the little cabin just below our house, so that I could supply you with jam, and a bit of corn cake occasionally, with a few odds and ends to help out your housekeeping, but it is little assisting. I suppose you know that Keenan has annexed the St. Johns Bay and the Bluff Islands. This may be asked in the next

upon him like a note on it. I am sorry
you were not as successful as you ought
to have been but better luck next time.
Let me hope, I am anxious to know if
you are Pt. Assistant or not. You ought to be,
as you are the best teacher in Roseland, &
this is not except the principal.

I will send you children a few little
articles as soon as I know for a sure
and certain fact that you are teaching
all by yourself. Why does not
Cize advertise for pupils? I think
she ought to, and would get a good class.
She needs me to blame her up to the
Roseland people. I'll tell them how
she can play and how she can teach
and what a fine creature she is & be
sure.

Hugh has started cleaning his little
rifle - got a rag stuck in it and has
now employment in trying to pick
it out. It is a very useful article indeed
and I can load it and unload too. Hawks
are plentiful just now. How do they

shot over the other day - saw it on
my clothes line, and when it flew, shot it
"on the wing". He says he took it home
to frighten Emily - Emily Cook Cook's
brother the parson is to arrive in Kaulap
Sept. 13th!!! I wonder if he will be over-
joyed with his sisters - me. I do. The letter
to the estate has not arrived yet, so we
are favoured with a visit from Mrs.
Riley quite frequently. She is getting
acquainted with us. She has been three
weeks away from home now, and was only
at home four days from Oct. before she had
to come out here. Her husband is from
Malifas & his father is a wholesale
merchant there. August 5th, Sunday
I had seen Riley here last night so got
no chance to write. Took in \$20⁰⁰ by
and not a cent of it for myself.
Hugh is out in the Valley a hunting
and has to go down to Penacott and back
before the mail goes out, so comes
Capt Scott & Mrs Scott put down to visit
Tuesday morning. They say they will

spend the winter there as do the
Walmans - I am with Ed. I think
they will be quite sick of it before long.
Milked cows is working for structural
and Mrs. Dumas is on the ranch.
Did I tell you that Lily Lillie had
of some of them this spring? I. M. G.
wants his mother and other sisters
come out here but they are not coming
He rather thinks her too old to attend
the journey - she is older than
Lillie.

My beloved - I am sending down
on the island now in bands
bought a ranch down there. Perhaps
I told you all this before. I did not get
a letter from you while you were
in Seattle. I heard that Maggie
Cameron did not like Vancouver
and has returned to her classes.
Hurry up and tell me if you are the
next teacher to the Principal and what
has become of him.
Today Mrs. Riley has been up to see me.

Arthur's baby - it has been sick several
days. I hope nothing serious the
child is only 3 or 4 months old so maybe
it is both she troubling it.

Adeline and Emily were here this afternoon.
They wanted an apple. "Have you any bread?"
"I want some of your bread" "Have you any butter"
etc. I hope they won't be sick to night. I
shall be blamed I did not give them any
cakes, and so that she may be thankful.
Did I tell you that Nat. Rawick is paying
attention to Est. L. Woodard? Miss Marcus
told me so and Miss Harvey is very well
pleased. Ethel has a very rough voice
indeed, but they all have that. Ethel
is my daughter and Ethel is a pretty
girl. Miss of Miss. I have seen her
Sept. 1st. There is written on the old metal
plate.
So day rough got home - he was out in the valley
evening since Tuesday and he left at five
for Punctate night. Janet and I walked up
the hill to see Mrs. Johnson and her family.
The sick folks are rather well. Miss Betty
interrupted me last night and she has

just gone tonight. I am waiting for the kettle
to boil as I have to eat bread, and I want a
small exercise for we must be very
busy. We came down the new piece of
road and it is very gradual slope down
to the very point of the beach. It was
chopped when we have down to get our field.
Then the road crossed the flats to the
street coming out to the street just
below the Quaker House. A high top
down to Princeton is occasional by hill
and Patman was not meeting their
provisions. They were to spend some
money here and I had to get the
number of tinners the mail an
expected on the last of the month.
There are a very careless lot. Patman
is about the most which change I
ever saw. Did I tell you I met
Mr. Decker Cancellor this summer?
He is very very plain looking but
amiable and rather nice. Cancellor says
he is when he came in with the ballot
boxes. They intended carrying him with

The check of the English, but Mrs.
Merrill had her crowd installed
there. Mrs. Merrill said to Mrs. Coulter
'you will get up early in the morning
and get these first-class animals
through the three freight trains in
this week bringing stuff for Capt.
Scott - an engine and some
furniture. They expect a young
lady from Australia aged 17 to visit
them. Capt. Scott says he is going
bring this young lady in. Well, it is all
very good times.

There is a man missing. We went
down to our field where he had his horse
and took a rope to catch the horse. He
left the rope up on the fence. The saddle
and horse are in the field and he has not
been seen for two days. I cannot
imagine what could have happened
to him. He had been drinking when he
was at the hotel the day before. Whether
he was drunk when he was last seen
I do not know.

I must go and get bread, then get clothes
for Sam & Ned and tomorrow is Christmas
day I get up in the morning by 10
believe. Sept. 27.

As I was getting ready to wrap my sitting
room who should come in but Mr. Deville
the new Methodist minister from
Dundas. He had been told by somebody
to come here to stay and sure
people would value their own
business and let my house alone.
He is an Englishman and like his
country he far as I can see I might
will not before tonight so we can
manage comfortably. He left
a rub down of the folks' quarters
that we finished sweeping, and
was just going to sweep the kitchen
floor and that when Mrs. Riley came
to spend the day. She said I was
going to buy tea, but she has just
gone over to look and really went
across the creek to see the man
of the Boston & British Columbia

Co. Tomorrow he purpose going to
Pinalta to hold service there Sunday
morning and to return to have service
at 4 pm Sunday evening.

I have been sick since we left all
day and now feel tired and not
sleepy enough to get to bed while it
is not night yet. I'll have
to stop writing as soon as Dr. Swille
get back. He is so good night.

Mr. Thorne left just after supper
as I've got to wind up in a hurry. His
society if you can shall have fruit,
but I pulled the largest of the tomatoes
to night to be used of them. Mr. Wiley
can't see with me. Thorne and
visitors prevent me from writing.
You have all my usual matters
to several letters on business
must be written, also a note home.
I hope you are carefully taking
care of yourselves and not giving
your selves if you have read a short
or poem. Love you and yours,
Love to you both, the loving
son.