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*NOTE:* This letter is a representation of an original letter currently (10-21-1998) in the possession of Fay Francis Bennett. Jim is James Francis (1859-1925) and his brother is Elisha 'Stewart' Francis (1856-1917), they are sons of Elisha Stuart Francis (1828-1891) of Kilmarnock, Ontario. The brother 'Stewart' died shortly after this letter was written.

Flagstone Sept 23, 1917

To Stewart From Jim

Dear Brother a few lines to let you know that I am pretty well and Mary told me in her letter that you were pretty well and you had another trip to Toronto and was keeping well which I was glad to hear that and I hope you are keeping well yet. Well Stewart I am working in a Lumber Camp driving a team hauling logs on a wagon they haul all Summer here they have 12 teams hauling on trucks they don't have scarcely any winter here that is Snow to haul on some winters 6 weeks and other winters no Snow wagon all winter it is Jim Joyce from Griffith we are with he is a Cousin of Marys so we know someone in BC this is a nice Country to work in not very rough just here but BC take it all through is a very rough Country

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of Mountains. Some of them 2 or 3 thousand feet high Where we were nearly all Summer that was till we came back to the Prairie we could see Snow on the mountains that was about 1000 miles north of where we are now but here now the weather is very warm and dry and lots of dust when we were coming out here from Calgary we stopped at a place called McLeod and saw Elisha Muldoon and Jonathan they live at McLeod and they seem to be well off doing nothing worth ten or fifteen thousand dollars and nice places in town; we were at Jim Curtises for a few days he lives in Calgary has a nice woman and three nice little girls: we have not seen many people we knew we were out to the Coast only about 600 miles from Vancouver to up to Prince Rupert that was a nice trip on the ship it was fine weather off the Coast that trip on Ship was 608 miles I have kept mitty well have some sick spells yet but not very bad. Well Steward I hope you will keep well and rite and let me know how

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*you are keeping I think I will Say good  
bye for this time hoping to hear from you  
soon Address to*

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