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Vancouver, Canada

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Dear Blanche :

It was heartening to learn that the day of arrival is fixed. This very morning, I went down to the Hotel Georgia, 801 West Georgia Street, and bespoke a room for you. They have a few at \$4.50 per day that are small but comfortable and it is one of these which I hope you will get. If these are not available, then one at five dollars per day will be. As you will perceive, rates are high in Vancouver. This hotel has a good coffee shop as well as a pleasant dining room. The cost of meals is a little less ~~and you pay~~ in the USA. There is no difficulty in exchanging American funds. The hotel will always pay you the regular premium -- this fluctuates from day to day but is usually about four per cent. This will come in handy for bus fares. The Hotel has promised to mail you a confirmation of the reservation within a few days. If they don't, just drop me a line.

The Georgia is a short block away from a comfortable bus which brings you to my district without transfer. As I have already warned you, my abode is five blocks from the bus but there is a taxi-stand at the corner where you descend which would be handy if the weather is bad. Here's hoping it won't be. I have told the bulbs to hurry up and do their stuff and there are green shoots above ground. But there is a smell of snow in the air.

In the meantime, I am boning away at my revision and an "amplifying" all over the place. No interpreting until you arrive, however.

I shall of course, be waiting at the station to greet you and to help with picking up reservations, etc.

Oh, there is so much that I want to ask you about!

Affectionately yours

Ethel Johns