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My Dear Sister

Just a few lines to let you know that I am back once more. I am sorry to say that this is the first letter I have written since last November. I can hardly realize what I have been doing since that time. There are several causes for me going to pieces but I guess the main one is my own fault. The only thing that I am really sorry for is that I have neglected the family and can offer no excuse whatever for it. I received a letter from you last

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winter urging me to write but I was so far gone then I couldn't. I knew I should have and was my duty to do so but I simply couldn't. It is all I could do tonight is to pull up enough courage to write. and that is why I am trying to explain to you. You always have been a good sister to me. You sent me parcels ~~to me~~ when I needed it in France gave me advice when I needed it and last of all reminded me that I was forgetting the family in your last letter. I know that I haven't been doing

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justice to my folks but it is no use brooding over spilled milk now. I hope you will have patience enough to read all I have to say as I am going to try & explain myself. May be you know and you may not but last fall when I came down from up North with about $2.500. I first went to Chase and then I drifted to Vancouver with out going home to see you folks & pay my debts. Well all I had in mind then was a little friend of mine who I pallied with for two years and

who was responsible for my success while I was there. You can remember how I use to make excuses when ever I was in Kamloops to go back quick. I'd tell it was to see her. I worked hard at the ducks and when I wasn't ~~work~~ working I was with her. She was a real sensible girl we thought a lot of each other. She was never ashamed of me and always went to dances and with me. There was times I would ask her to go joy riding with me but she would always say lets go for a walk instead. It costs so much for gas and ties. Wasn't that real sensible of her? Well we palled like that for over a year and finally she got sick and had to go to hospital for an operation. Her mother was prejudiced against me so I couldn't go and see her. Well the doctor ordered her to go to the coast to live so I went up the P. G. & E to earn all I could

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While I was up there I began to think things over. I realized I was up against a hard proposition. It got to a point where I either had to propose marriage or quit her altogether. All while I was up the Cariboo I didn't write to her thinking that she would forget about me but she didn't. When I got down there she was so glad to see me she didn't even scold me. Big Peter Ham was there and I asked his advice and he told me not to go with her. He explained his reasons and he is well educated so he talked me out of it. I was so

upset. I started spending and the
farther I went the worse I got. I
gambled and done every thing and befor
I realized I was almost broke. I am
sorry that I caused the old lady so
much trouble but I am going
to step out & redeem myself if I
can. I am heading up to Quesnelle
to morrow as I have about $600 I lent
out up there if I can collect it I will
be in Kamloops soon if not I don't
know what to do. but I will let you
know from time to time. I will write
you later and tell some more of my
plundering later, Please write & adress
my letter to Quesnelle

Your brother

W. T. Sims