which is cheerful but I hope there will be sufficient to pay everything. There should be about 3500.00 for lumber & then wagons, team tools, potatoes etc etc & machinery should fetch quite a bit. If the weather remains open it may be possible to cut the remainder of the logs but it is hardly likely. Well this has been a wasted year of my life & I had better never have seen B.C.

Did you sell Paddy, how much would Dormer give me for "Goldie" if I bring him up he is in first rate shape. Bennett is back from Dawson.

Penticton
Oct. 27. 09.

My dear Goldie

Very glad to hear from you if it was only a scrap, I meant to have written to you before only I half thought I might be able to run up & see you & shall hope to do so before long. We have made a deal at so much

per m. for all the lumber we have & can cut to Rathbun & Carless. They paid 1500.00 down which Hunter collared & a 60 days note for 500.00 which he discounted this has given us a little to pay wages but I fear it wont go far. The balance of lumber to be delivered is to be paid for at completion of cutting & planing as follows 500 in 30 days & two notes for balance at 3 & 6 mos. These are the best terms we could make & I am glad they have now the responsibility of retailing this would have suited us far better if it had been so from the first & we might have made a little. I am afraid I am not going to get a cent out of it by the time all liabilities are paid

I would like only too well to come & stay with you for a bit but I fear cant do so at present as I think it will be wiser to remain here. I thought of riding over the trail if I can see my way to get up I could get to the Mission in a day all right stay there a day or two & then on to you. Things are quite Quiet here but if this Railway Policy goes thro there will be a boom in the Spring & you will be wise to hold on to your properties here. Can you get down here again soon I should much like to see you & we can ~~manage~~ manage a bed for you all right do if you can.

I went out with Puckley Pack on Sat. hunting & came back Sunday night we did a bit of tramping but never saw anything; we went out

on the Beaverdale trail about 9 miles from the Mill. Its a rotten country for hunting as there is so much brush & fallen timber & one cant see far, I dont think I shall go out again its not good enough. There was a dance here on Mon. but I did not go to it in fact I never go anywhere now.

So long old man regards to Dorner. Hope to see you soon

yours always
Alfred E. Kay

I have made up my mind to a total loss so in the end if there are a few dollars so much the better. I have Kendall living here now & he is not so bad I do the cooking but its a bit of a nuisance & this one down I shall soon need a rest as I feel out of sorts This confounded Rheumatism has worried me so.