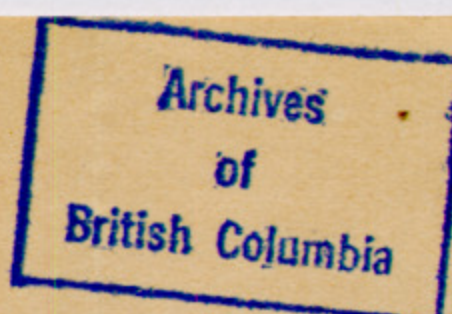


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26th July 1895

A. C. Murray Esq.

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Stuarts Lake

Dear Sir I am very
sorry to say that Basil has
made up his mind to go back
to Stuarts Lake taking Felix
with him leaving the store
half pulled down and cant
be persuaded to stay any longer

Tibbet and Jimmy are
both here Jimmy started to
work on last Wednesday
morning and got hurt by the
roof falling on him he is
willing to stay here until the
Priest comes along but as
Basil is determined to go he

is going with them. Bazil
made up his mind to go the
day after he got here. Felice told
me then that if Bazil went
he would go I do not know
any other reason ^{but} that they are
homesick. I am not giving them
anything to go with. Felice worked
4 days and Bazil 3½

Tibbet will be stopping here
for a while and will help
me working if he is able till
I can get more help. he is now
troubled with sore eyes and
would like to get some medicine
from Mr. McKenzie if you
would kindly send it.
I will try to do all I can.
Towards moving the building. If
those White men winter in

in here again there will be no
difficulty about getting the
work done but we cannot
depend on them. Therefore I think
it would be advisable if you
can get 3 or 4 good men to come
up with the scow that will
stay and work it & would be
the best way to get over the
hitch I will know by the 10th
of next month if those ^{white} men
will be staying in here or not
and will probably be able
to let you know by the Priest
when he goes out

There has been no Indians
around since I came except
Flaurand and Charlie Hurten

who was here and had gone into
the store the morning I got here
I got the account of all they
took and Charlie paid me for
the goods he took they said
they were starving and had no
ammunition and could not
wait any longer they took
ammunition and Dry Meat
the meat they have promised
to return

no more at present

I am Your Obedt^t servant
Wm^m Fox

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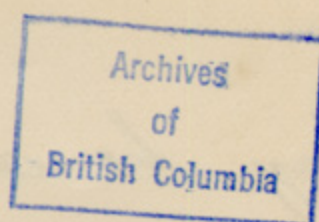
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Bearo Lake Outpost

9th August 1895

A. C. Murray Esq.
H. B. Company
Stuarts Lake

Dear Sir:

As Father Morrice leaves here tomorrow for Stuarts Lake I take the opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along.

I am glad to say that I have managed to move the stone down and have the logs up and the rafters for the roof made and put up today. The balance of the work I will be able to do by the time the scow gets here, if I keep my health. I have Tibbet Charlie Hunter and Flamand working and the Priest's men helped me while they were here.

I would like to get some boards sawn for shelving and the logs for the house taken out by the scow men, and think that I can get ~~at~~ the work all done a little under the estimate that is if I keep all right. I have only seen two of the Indians besides C Hunter and Flamand since I came, and therefore made no trade to speak of yet. My turnips is coming on very slow I do not think they will amount to much. I have not heard anything from the prospecting party as yet.

They may be down next week if they intend to winter in here again

I think that is about all I have to say this time so I will close hoping this will find you and Mrs Murray in the enjoyment of good health as I am happy to say it leaves me at present

I have the honor to be
Your Ob^d Servant
William Fox

P. S. I have given Pankat 6 M B and Hobell 5 M B. jawbone here which they have promised to pay at Stuart's Lake. They gave me a good help with the stone I would not have not been able to get it up without them

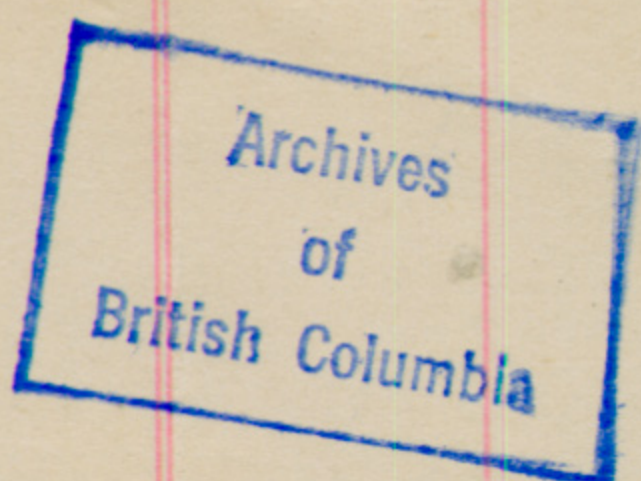
Please pay to Father Monrice the sum of 1 M B. and charge to B. L. O. Flanagan Labor acct and oblige
Yours
Wm Fox

W. Fox's letter

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B. L. O.

20th Aug^r /95

A C Murray Esqr
H B Company
Stuarts Lake

Dear Sir

As Tibbet starts today
for Stuarts Lake I take the
chance to write you a few
lines I am glad to say that
I have the stone ready to put
the goods in when the scow
arrives and will commence
at the House tomorrow
I also enclose you an
Order on S. L. to Tibbet
for 42 M B. for his work

W. Fox's letter

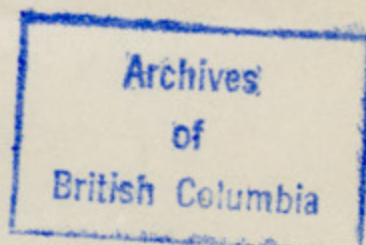
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The ~~other~~ ^{party} of prospectors
that wintered here has got
back they got here last Sunday
and will be going out as they
did ^{not} make enough to keep
them for another year without
going out. They made \$700⁰⁰
on the bars. They found one
bar where they made \$500⁰⁰
in 5 days. They are going to
stay here till the scow
arrives and will be helping
me put up the House. I am
going to make new logs
I think it will be quicker and
cheaper and wont make the
House quite so large. no more
at present I am Your Obedt
Servant Wm Fox

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Bears Lake Outpost
Hudson's Bay Company.



27th August 1895

A C Murray Esq.
H B Company
Stuarts Lake

Dear Sir

The Scow arrived here Sunday 25th with its Load in pretty fair condition except 1 keg of Butten which had the top broken off and the brine all emptied out. and some other things a little wet on the outside but I do not think it will amount to anything ^{serious} The deck of the scow was caulked but not pitched or braced so as to keep the boards from springing I have not opened any of the goods yet as I ~~am~~ have not quite finished the shelves but will have the store all ready in a couple of days.

I am keeping the crew here for 2 days. to pull the house down and bring the logs and Lumber down to the new site I expect they will get every thing down this evening and will be ready to start back tomorrow I have the store put up and roofed with new shakes I also put a new Counter in out off the old boards which was over from the roof as I did not put the pitch quite so high The work I have done with provisions and Tools ^{also advances to Felix and Bazil at S.L. and the L.L.} included, cost 360. M.B. If Felix and Bazil had stuck to their work it would not have

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have

Cost quite so much. The House I expect will not cost quite so much as I can take my time and do a good deal of the work myself. The store I pushed and got all the help I could get so as to have it ready for the goods when the scow arrived. I will try and keep Sagalam and Atkol till I get the logs and roof up and get a few boards sawn then they can go and I can finish the rest during the fall and winter.

I was very glad to gather from your letters that B.L.O. came out with so nice a profit. I did not expect quite so much and feel thankful that you are satisfied with my management of B.L.O. except my mess at which I am not surprised if you charged all the provisions trade to it with the exception of a little ^{old} given to Vital and some ^{given} in gratuity. I think if you look in (the exchange of goods acct in my Book you will find an amount of 37 M.B. worth of meat given besides those other two amounts and also on my inventory I think I put 100. M.B. of meat, which makes 137 M.B. of provisions Trade which should be deducted from my last year's mess acct.

I have not made any trade worth speaking about since I came back as no Indians, very few Indians has come in. I am sending all the Furs traded

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for Outfit/95 viz 1 Bale ticketed \$1.00 ^{Outfit/95} containing

Blk Bears	8
Cubs ..	5
Beaver	10
Lynx	1
Otter	2

This is all the trade that I have made up to date but expect I will get some furs this coming month when the other Indians begin to come in I have not seen Dave since I came back I hear that he has gone up the river with Kinde-chimney's band.

The scow takes 16 bales of Fur outfit/94. 1 bale Outfit/95

You already have the packing acct of 94. Furs. There are 10 bales of Moose skins, Cariboo, Marmot, and Babiche as follows.

Bale	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	Total
Moose skins	10	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	16	2	154
Cariboo do									4		4
Marmot do	6										6
Babiche										29 lbs.	29 lbs

There are 2 Moose skins in ^{Fur} Bale #17, and 4 in #18 making 160 Moose skins sent out, or 12 1/2 short of what should be I sold those since I came back ^{also} 1 Marmot skin Robe and 8 lbs Babiche belonging to Out/94

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There is also 1 Case containing 28 lbs Castorine

I am very sorry that I have no meat to send you as all I had is about done. I have not been able to get any since I came back.

The M. H. & prospecting party returned here last Sunday 2 of them have been working for the last few days chopping sleepers for the House and clearing for which I have given them orders on Stewarts Lake. for 16½ M B. charged to Repairs and Improvements

I also enclose you a list of Tools and other goods which they had over and ^{left here} ~~for~~ which they have agreed to take sell at your valuation. Hill and Cooper is going out they will take 2/3 of the amount you pay for the goods and please Credit J Murdock with 1/3. he is going to stay in here this winter also a List of stuff belonging to J V Cooper ^{another for} and A Hill. which they agree to sell at your valuation.

I have also given Hill & Cooper an Order on M^cLeods Lake for 35 skins. balance coming to them on provisions exchanged, viz Flour & Bacon. Tea & Canoe. a part of which they may get an order on Stewarts Lake from M^r Ware Hill & Cooper are on their way out to the Coast and would like to go down

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down with you if you are going to Quennelle in a canoe this Fall. (I have found the two men straight forward and honest in all their dealings with me.)

I bought their Canoe for 40 M B. which I think was a good bargain as it will come in very usefull here I will get Sagalan and Bazil to saw lumber for a small scow to take out the Lurs nest spring and will build the scow myself with Vital, help I am sending Attol back and keeping Bazil Sagalan in his place as Attol is sick and not able to work. Bazil agrees to give him 20, M B, out of his 70 M B for his trip and will work from today at 45 M B per month.

I also enclose you an order for supplies required by J. Mordock who is staying in here this winter for which he agrees to pay Stuarts Lake Cash prices with the freight added to B. L. C. please have those goods shipped to M. L. L. by the 10th of September, as I will send a Canoe to M^r Leods Lake by that time if possible. I also require a few things which will make up a canoe load and please send us all the papers and any kind of reading matter that you can spare, also the 2 gall of Rum.

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Remember that you promised to give me for my own use. Mr. Gresham & Mr. Ware promised to send me some papers and reading matters by the scow but failed to fullfill their promise and I am very much disappointed at not getting anything to read this winter and hope that you will be kind enough to send me all you can for which I will be willing to pay all expenses of getting it in and for the price of it at S. Lake I think if I have nothing to read this winter that I will go crazy and please send my Mother the sum of twenty dollars about Christmas and charge to my acct I will send you all my accounts by Sagalam when he goes out.

And please tell Jimmy Alexander that I will expect that he will have the canoe brought, to Mc Leads Lake that I let him have when he went out last summer or be ready to pay me 20 M B. for it as I paid Vetal on my private acct. and that I have something else to tell Jimmy when I meet him (viz) opening my letter that I sent to Mr. Ware by him.

I also enclose you a list of acct^s ^{taken up by the} of the scowmen. The Transport accounts I will

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will send by Saglam when he goes out
as I have not got a place to write in just
now. I think that is all I have to say
just now as I am very busy looking after the
scoomers, and Vital is going into his keg.
pretty heavily I will put away some of it
tomorrow and try to get him started up the
river as soon as possible.

Hoping this will find you and Mrs Murray
in the enjoyment of good health and also
that you wont forget or fail to send me
some kind of reading matter with the Run

I am Dear Sir
Your Obedt Servant
Wm Fore

W. F. Allen

Dated 27 Aug. 1891-

Recd 13 Sept 1891-

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will send by express when the goods are
as I have not got a place to write in your
now. I think that is all I have to say
first now as I am very busy looking after the
business, and I feel in going into this
pretty heavily I will put away some of it
now and try to get him started up the
as soon as possible.
I am sure you will find your own business
the enjoyment of your health and also
you must not forget or fail to send me
some kind of exciting matter with the same

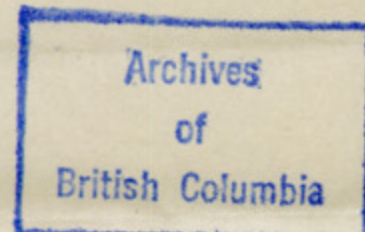
I am dear Sir

Yours O. F. Allen
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My Dear Mr^r Murray,

Just a few lines at the
latest the scow is just ready to start
I have the Logs & Lumber off the House
down here, brought by the scow crew
and will start to put up my House tomorrow
I am keeping Bazil instead of, Otto as
the latter is no good for me and think
I can get more work out of Bazil

I have given J V Cooper an Order
on Sagalan acct for \$35⁰⁰ Cash, for
a Breck loading shot gun you can pay it
and if he quits work before he pays for it
I will keep the gun

I intend to put Sagalan and Bazil
at sailing as soon as we get the logs
and rafters off the House up. Otto and
J Murdock is going up the river again
tomorrow and wont be back before cold
weather or about the time the river is
freezing up. Murdock will buy some of the
tools left here by the M.H.C party but
says for you not to value them too high

The Enemy Wheel on groundstone
will be very useful to me, have

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I sold Agname the breech loading shot gun, for 50 M.B. which I gave you an order for 25 dollars Cash last summer on my private acct, 30 M.B. from Agname's acct, please credit me with, I got his Martin Carbine for 20 M.B.

Vital got here on Sunday just before the snow he only made \$9⁰⁰ on his way up but will be starting up the river with Mundock tomorrow to go over the bar that they got \$100⁰⁰ per day out off. so I think he has a pretty good chance of paying off all of his acct, they will be coming back about the time the river freezes up and will winter here I am sending you an order for supplies for Mundock he has the money here to pay for it and thinks that he will find rich digging this fall on next summer.

Please send us all the reading matter you can gather up at S.L. any kind of reading, old magazines or papers will do.

I have given Mundock an Order for 10 skins for a set of 45-70 re loading Tools. I also enclose an Order given by

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Bazil for 10 skins. on his Lahon acct.
 Attol goes back I have sent him ^{Mr. Ware.} Attol's acct
 (priz) $1\frac{1}{2}$ skins per day from the 9th up to
 yesterday 27 M. 20 M. from Bazil's acct ^{with} 47.
 Dⁿ To 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ M received at S L. 4 M B
 at B. L. O.

D ⁿ	C ⁿ
34 $\frac{1}{4}$	47

The men is in a great hurry to
 start this morning so I will close
 with best wishes for your health
 and prosperity Hoping you won't
 fail to remember me in regard
 to remaining matters &c
 I Remain
 Your Obedt Servant
 Wm Fox

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Dated 28 Aug 1895

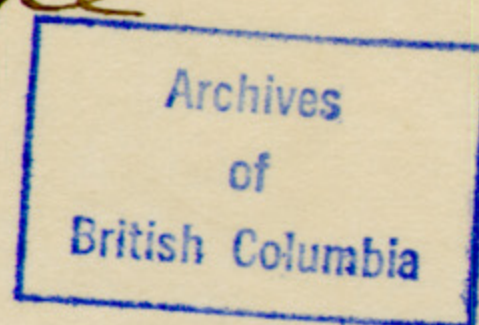
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McLeod Lake

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17th Sept 1895

A. C. Murray Esq^r

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Stuart Lake

Dear Sir. I left B.L.C.
last Thursday in my big Canoe
with Basil and Flamaud,
intending to make a fast trip
for the supplies required for
Murdoch and also for some
things that I think I will be
short off. I expected to find
Mr. Ware here, and get the most
of the provisions out of his stock
if there had not arrived that I
ordered for Murdoch.

I have my House pretty well
nearly finished only to put in the

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the door and windows I left
Sagalan to finish it and hew
logs for lumber for a small
boat on scow which I intend
to build myself. and also to chink
the seams of the store and House
with moss while I was away I
told him if I did not get back by
the time he was done with that to
begin to clear off the wood from
around the building - ~~and~~

I do not expect any Indians
to arrive at the Fort till the
river begins to freeze. so I thought
I would have plenty of time to
make the trip on snow on account
that I could not trust the men
I have to come alone. I Bazil gets

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to S.L.
there, before Mr. Ware leaves
kindly send 3 or 4 prs of Blankets
any size you can spare and some
Soup. Blue Mottled and Toilet Soap
also the Material to make a cover
for my scow which will be about
30 feet long by 4 feet in width
If Mr. Ware can^{not} spare Flour
enough to make a load send about
500 lbs. for Murdock I also met two
other White Men on the Parsnip
who is intending to go up the Finlay
River next summer. They are working
the bars on the Parsnip and Finlay this
Fall and intend to winter some where
up there they told me they would
require some Flour and Beans in the
spring and asked me if they could

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get it up there so I think we could do with 250 lbs more or 750 lbs in all

I also require a scythe and snail to cut the weeds from around the buildings before I leave next spring summer. but I guess I can get that here. I hope you will kindly send me the 2 gallons of Rum as it is so long to go without a drink, and also the 3 for Murdoch

He and Vital started up the river to the bar where they was last summer and will be back to the Fort about the 10th of October

I think that it would not be a bad idea to put an advertisement in one of the Victoria papers asking into

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prospectors intending to go up the
Friday to apply to the H.B.C. before
leaving to have supplies shipped in
for them

I heard from all the different
bands of Indians at B.L.C. before
I left. a few came in ^{for Tea} ~~from the~~
and Tobacco. Davie came in last
week, very humble. I told him I had
a letter for him from you about the
row we had last spring he asked me
to read it which I did he then told
me to thank you for warning him
and says he intends to make a hunt
this fall and winter and hopes to pay
a part of his old jawbone he started
off up the river with some of the
for Siicamees he had a couple of
Lge Bear skins and some moose skins
he bought ammunition and the 44 Cal

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revolver. which came by the scow
but did not ask for jaw-bone.

The Indians up there have heard ^{from Tommy} about the raise on Bear and Marten
skins at M^c. Leod, Lake. and want
to know if we cannot give them
16^{or 17} for Lge Bear and 2½ for Marten
this winter I told them I would
ask you about. please let me know
~~if~~ I can give them that or not
this winter I think we could get
a pretty good Marten trade if
they got 2½ for them. But I do
not think it would make much
difference in the Bears. as they kill
all they can for the price we pay
but they sadly require all they
can get. please send me all

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the old reading matter you can spare. and if I am not in debt please send for about \$5⁰⁰ worth of novels ~~and~~ for me. this winter so that I can get them next summer.

I would like to go in to Stuarts Lake myself. but I am thoroughly played out. and will stay here till Mr. Ware comes out. If he could spare me the supplies here and hurry out with the Liquor and reading matter I might get off a day or so sooner than I would if I have to wait till the others comes back. I got here just at dark tonight Basil starts early in the morning on foot he says he will go in. in 2 days I hope he will

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~~so that~~ I would be glad if he comes back but if he does not I wont be stuck as I think I will be able to get all the rest of the work done, without him but I would like to get the lumber for the scow sawn this fall. and there is nobody up there can saw except Vital and perhaps he wont be close to the fort this winter he talks of going up the Injee nee ka to winter

I can not think of anything else just now. but will write again when Bagalan and Bazil comes out and send you all the L.I.I. accts

With best respects

I am Your Obedt servant
Jm Fox

W. Foy's letter

Dated 17 Sept 1895-

Recd 20 " 1895-

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I would be glad if he
could look but if he does not I
must be satisfied as I think I will be
able to get all the rest of the work
done, without him but I would
like to get the lumber for the
house soon this fall and there
is nobody up there can do except
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close to the house this winter he talks
of going up the bridge over to the winter
I can not think of anything else
just now, but will write again
when Logan and Boyd come on
and send you all the L.V. I can
With best regards
I am Yours O. L. Logan
Wm Foy