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B. L. Co. Bank Denver
12th March 1895

My dear Mr. Merrin

I am sending you the
book by Mr. Gustaf Hornum
& hope he may be the friend
whom you refer. Any way the
"Canot & Dog Train" is interesting
in its own way, particularly
to those who know something
of the N. W. Territories. My son
Charles saw those Dog Trains
starting from Windy Gap in the
fall of '84 the year he first
went out. So it interested me
not a little, anyway. You will
accept it with reluctance of
me, who am very proud of

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being acquainted with you. It will remind
you that besides Mr. Linnem there are those
Mr. Ed. Dumber who think very kindly of you
I fear however there is nothing about it. Perhaps
in it, I must have got confused on that subject.

Such a winter as we have had, Snow & Frost
such as we have not seen here for many years -
It was total terrible on the old people, I have been unable
to move since Mrs. Dumb's, Mr. Linnem, I think is
much the same from Rheumatism, Terms crying
out that the ground is too hard to plough & seed the
corn by next week, over all there is great sickness & suffering
perhaps it is very hard on old people, it seems to have
been the same from before, there have been nothing in
the papers but storms & frosts. I hope you have great
batter & that you & Mr. Min & children are all well.

I was looking at the pictures of the lake only yesterday
the little one, James has a strong look of you.
Will you kindly remind your Mother of me when
you write to her. My love joins with me in all
I good wishes for yourself Mr. Min & children & I am
Yours very sincerely
Amos Phelps.

Since I last wrote you Rebecca has been sick after
much suffering & now she sits up & is better & very
little fitted to be so, I fear.

Dumbar, 12th March '95.

My dear Mr. Muir:

I am sending you the book of Mr. Egerton Young, and hope he may be the friend whom you knew. Anyway, the "Canoe and Dog Train," is interesting in its own way, particularly to those who know something of the N.W. territories. My son Charlie saw those dog trains starting from Winnipeg for the far West the year he first went out, so it interested me not a little. Anyway you will accept it as a remembrance of me, who am very proud of being acquainted with you. It will remind you that besides Mrs. Lunam there are those in old Dumbar who think very kindly of you. I fear, however, there is nothing about Alaska in it -- I must have got confused on that subject.

Such a winter as we have had, snows and frost such as we have not seen here for many years. It has told terribly on the old people. I have been unable to move since Christmas day, and Mrs. Lunam, I think, is much the same from rheumatism. Farmers crying out that the ground is too hard to plough and seed should be sown by next week. Over all there is great sickness. Influenza prevails and is very hard on old people. It seems to have been the same everywhere, as there have been nothing in the papers but storms and wrecks. I hope you have fared better and that you and Mrs. Muir and children are all well. I was looking at the pictures of the latter only yesterday. The little one, I fancy, has a strong look of you.

Will you kindly remind your Mother of me when you write to her? My son unites with me in all good wishes for yourself, Mrs. Muir and children, and I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Agnes Kelly

Since I last wrote you Isabella Jeffrey died after much suffering, and now her sister is left alone and very little fitted to be so, I fear.

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