

Rogers, Major A. B.

September 25, 1881

Hill to Rogers, CPR Engineer, Bow River, [Canada]

Re finding a pass through both the Rocky Mts. and the Selkirk Range in or near latitude 51°.

"Mr. Stephen our president, and Mr. Angus, as well as myself, have read your letters with great satisfaction." Should the Howe's [sic] Pass, and the other Passes leading out of the Bow River Gap not be found practicable, you may find a Pass by following up some of the Streams that empty into Bow River, south of the Bow River Gap, and from their source cross over the Kananaskis either to the Kicking Horse or to a point where you can head the Columbia or get through the Selkirk near the head of the Columbia, coming

up to the Shuswap from the South East. We do not want to go nearer the Boundary Line than in the neighborhood of 100 miles." [Hill seems to infer that he had half promised to make "the trip to meet you" on this exploration venture, but press of business prevented]. "I regret very much that the instruments sent you were not what they should have been, but if you desire the transit with Vertical arcs and Stadia [?] lines changed or anything else sent forward, it will be done on hearing from you. I presume we would have to send a special messenger from [Fort] Benton."

Letterbook, "Can. Pac. Ry., 1881-82," p. 99