

Virginia City Nevada  
Dear Sister Becca

1872  
May 16

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a kind Providence I have got over. Work would be plenty but for the fact that timber is very scarce & dear & work has to be deferred on that a/c [account]. I expect to go to work in a short while. I was very successful in Stock operations and would have had \$3500 or \$4000 had I not taken a man's advice & sold out too soon and invested in stocks that have since fallen in market. I expect however to come out all right, but will have to wait patiently for a while.

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the Montreal District Savings  
Bank to buy a horse & enjoy  
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Most Affectionately  
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JD DeWitt

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