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CLEVELAND, O.

Oct 27, 1891

My dear Prof. Minn,

Yours of the 20th

came yesterday. Thank you
very much for your informa-
tion about Granite Cañon.

I am delighted that your
conclusion with regard to the
moraines from Main Lake
to Minn Inlet, is exactly the
same as mine.

From a photograph that
Prof. Wright took in 1886 I
have been able to plot into
my map the position of

the ice front in that year, which shows a recession in five years of about 1000 yards. I am making a special map of the upper part of Minnigloss Inlet on a scale of $\frac{1}{20,000}$ (about 3 inches to the mile) to show our stations, the position of the ice front in 1890 & in 1886, and the positions of the flaps we used for measuring the motion of the ice. I should like very much to add to the interest of this map by plotting in the position of the ice front at your first visit in 1879. If you do not

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object to this please drop me a line as soon as possible, as I shall not do it without your express permission. I hope to have my report in print sometime this fall. With regard to furnishing Capt. Canoll with bearings for determining ^{the} future rate of recession, I can do it so much more easily & satisfactorily when my map is published, that I think it would be better to wait until then, especially as no more observations can be made until next summer.

I think Capt. Carroll's estimate of the recession during the past year is too small. I am inclined to think 100 yards closer to the true annual recession than 100 feet.

My large map is on a scale of $\frac{1}{100000}$, (about $\frac{2}{3}$ inch to the mile) but still it covers a sheet 23×27 inches. It shows Mt. Young to be 10 miles from Lynn Canal, with a possible error of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. This uncertainty comes from not knowing the longitude of Camp Main very closely. Mrs. Reid joins me in kind regards.
I am very sincerely yours,
Harry Fielding Reid.