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Mr. Walter D. Forbes,  
Grand Imperial Hotel  
Silverton,  
Colorado.

Dear Mr. Forbes:-

Since your letter came the end of January, I have had to move my location and set up a new darkroom, all of which are a large order along with work at the same time. My correspondence has sadly fallen behind.

For weeks I have been expecting the color post cards ordered by Mr. Vance. They came in to-day and I am forwarding them on to you via the San Juan Basin Freight Line. I feel quite pleased with the way these have been printed. It always seems to be a gamble, some have been so poor. But a good, large original is worth the cost for all the uses it has in addition to the better quality in reproduction. The company which has made these cards has moved from Pearl River to West Nyack, N.Y. Their move doubtless is the reason for the delay in delivery. I have kept two cards of each subject to have as samples and trust that you will find the count correct. I have not unpacked the whole shipment. I had other cards in this shipment which held the shipping charges at a minimum.

I hope that the season will soon be beginning for you and that there will be other work you will want during the coming year. I shall be in that general territory sometime in June and will try to come through Silverton on my way home. If these cards sell well for you I should like to do some scenic cards in your area. I am particularly glad to find a printer who will make a smaller quantity than most. The 3000 copies gives a chance to find out the subjects which will sell without too great an investment for the start.

I hope that you will soon be able to take care of the enclosed account. Much of it is for postcards which I have been glad to carry for you, but the time of year is now here when I shall be needing it for future work.

My estimates on the cards etc. will be found in letters to Mr. Vance last fall and early winter, but if there are any questions please do not hesitate to write to me.

Also, last fall I sent up two copies of my RIO GRANDE book on consignment for sale in the Museum. Have these been sold, and if so do you wish me to order more?

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of meeting you before long, and that we may have more photographic work during the coming season to work on together, I am

Sincerely yours,