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078 Prince George, 082 Leaving Prince George at 9:00 after  
 leaving wheels of trail packed and visiting part on top of hill  
 that commands a vantage point for all of Prince George.  
 Continued west and camped at upper mud creek road turnoff  
 at mileage 44102 at 9:30 P.M. It has been interesting  
 today to have counted all birds from Jasper to Prince George  
 on a new highway thru almost virgin wilderness and found  
 the numbers unbelievably small. Small mammal such as  
 chipmunk were absent. Weather has been cool, as usual, and  
 marked by occasional shower of short duration. In one  
 area of 90 miles there was practically no habitation. Man's  
 destructive influence is in proportion to distance from areas of  
 aggregations from total logging, <sup>second growth</sup> fires near cities (Prince George)  
 to climax forests at the most distant point of human aggregat-  
 ion. The human influence is pushing into these new climax  
 areas but should be stopped by governmental proclamation. There  
 is no need for total destruction of these pristine wildernesses.

18 miles W Prince George, British Columbia, Canada

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Temp 54°F at 8:15 A.M. Last night min. 50, max 54°F. Rained  
 several times last night and now overcast and occasional  
 sprinkle. mileage 44102. will keep complete list of birds  
 and mammals to the east. 103 Chilako River, small bird,  
 killdeer, Redstart. 124 3 feet of snow is average for winter.  
 10 feet is a bad snow 1964 last bad winter, and temp 60°F  
 below, usual temp 40°F. Once snow is on ground there is  
 little thaw. Informant that fished 200 miles to north report  
 lakes poor but rivers good. Caught grayling, arctic char.  
 132 osprey at Beaver Camp. Steller jay. 134 chickadee,  
 136 sparrow hawk, 144 2 Steller jays, Finckut River <sup>at</sup> 145,  
 146 sparrow hawk, robin, 154 Vanderboof 10:30, 2 cliff  
 swallows, 157 4 rusty blackbuds, 30 rusty blackbirds, open  
 grass fields and deciduous trees (sycamores) conifers dominant.  
 small bird, 171 8 rusty blackbuds, 174 robin, 180 Fort Fraser,  
 mainly a lumber town. Fraser River just beyond, clear water  
 and mosses on edge. small bird, Weebako. 186 5 Cliff  
 swallows, swallow, 192 sparrow hawk, 193 Town of Fraser  
 Lake. Left 12:00 195 Stelako River. 4 barn swallows,  
 swallow, 209 Watkins Creek, <sup>17</sup> swallow, cliff swallow,  
 219 Enikato River, interesting country thru here. 222