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I was unsuccessful in the mines though I made my expenses, I think however I could do much better an other year with my present experience, and if I lose

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