there won the name of the fighting major
take them all through we have a pretty
good lot of officers and hope to have a
good time, the greatest fault I can find
is that many of the men like a whisky
a little too well and have not the fear of
the guard house before their eyes, but we hope
to reclaim them or at least part of them as
there is getting to be quite a temperance sentiment
in the regiment, besides the whiskey is so bad
it will soon kill off those who persist in
drinking it. Then the guard house will be
a superfluous and we shall have a first-
class regiment. At least we will hope so
for if it was not for hope we should all
perhaps kill ourselves as a man did last
night up town. You can scarcely conceive
how this place has changed in a year
when I first came here. Street-brawls and
murder was the order of the day. It was a
common saying in town that we have a
man for breakfast every morning now
you seldom hear of a murder and scarcely
a theft. Indeed the priest said they ought to
know I say there is a good deal of hope for some
for some reason I can scarcely tell why I have
formed quite an attachment for these mountains
though I do not quite like mining yet there is
something about the mountains that draws