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Oberlin, Ohio, Aug. 9, 1908.

Dear Selden:-

I am anxiously waiting to hear from you about your first experience in Alberta. How are you going to like it there? Have you been able to get a good job yet? I hope you have a good job that you will like. How do you like the looks of the country? Would you like to live out there on the prairie, or does it seem awfully lonely and uncivilized to you? I wish I was with you now. It must be a fine time to see the country just now, when the crops are about ready for harvest. I wish you would look up that claim that Mr. Heacox spoke about. If you don't want to take it up yourself, I might do it after school is out in the spring.

If you get any chance to do any photographic work, you want to be sure to do it. If you do any work you want to be sure to charge a big enough price. Prices are higher out there than they are in here, you know. If you offer to do your work any cheaper than the men out there people will think that you aren't so good as they are, and will only take you when they can't get the regular photographer. If you get any chance to price the work of a photographer be sure to do it. Visit some studio when you come to town or if you get a good chance ask someone how much their photographs cost them, but don't make it too evident why you want to know.

I hope that you will use every opportunity to learn to handle horses. That is a fine thing to know. I wish that I had had more opportunity to learn to handle horses.

Good bye Willie.

*Do you want any samples of your photographic work send to your school.*

*don't think there has been any mail for you.*