

Chinook, Alta.
July 22, 1912.

Dear Mamona :-

You are anxious of course to know how we are going to manage about the money for our preemptions. Mr. Lovelock answered with a short courteous letter saying he could not spare me the money at this time as he had too much money loaned now. He said I might be able to borrow the money here and hoped I would. That may be a polite refusal or advice. In any case I will make a last attempt here to borrow before I give up the land.

The government has not yet answered my letter asking for an extension of time for payment.

I have just counted up ~~my~~^{our} money and we have one hundred and ten dollars and fifty cents. Selden will collect about ten dollars today but also sends away about \$14⁰⁰ for photo supplies. It's hard to get our bank account above \$100. We had \$120 once and Selden had to send away \$35 in the next mail.

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We have another \$125 possibly in sight. Mrs. Melville offered us \$125.00 for Daisy. That's a big price but not too much I think. Daisy in spite of being fast is absolutely gentle and doesn't shy, she is young and broken single, double, saddle etc and is the easiest horse to ride on I was ever on. We paid \$70.00 for her with Nellie who is worth now about \$75.00 by herself. I told Mrs. Melville if she was dissatisfied she could bring Daisy back any time within a week. The \$125 for Daisy with the \$100 would keep one preemption fee as if we can't save both.

We have a new horse as we are planning to sell Daisy and need another work horse. Also Babe will have her colt this week and we will be very short handed. We hated to sell Pintie as she had a mare colt but she is not broken and would be of little use to us till next year. A green horse is very little use at first any way and particularly if it is a mare with a colt. We traded Pintie even for this horse that weighs about

ten hundred or more while Pintie weighs about eight hundred. We hold him for sale at \$125 which is a fair price. He might bring more. In cash he has cost us \$78.00 of which \$15.00 we have to pay some time this fall though we may not have to pay it at all. It is a stallion fee for Pintie's colts but I'm not sure we have to pay it.

I see you had a windstorm in Oberlin. We had one about the same time. It blew the top ply of boards off of Selders' roof and blew over our oat stack etc. It didn't lodge the grain as it would do in the East. The wagon with hayrack ~~was~~ was down beside the haystack and it came up over the hill like an automobile. As it topped the hill the rack blew end over end and went to kindling wood. The wagon went on down into the grain field and stopped. The Shabino's always get down in the cellar when it blows hard as they come from windy Dakota.
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Regina was hit by a bad storm about the same time.

We expect railroad connections soon. The grading is done post. us.

We're still hoping to get the pre-emptions settled some way. Maybe we can sell Skinny as Mr. Worrey called our new horse when he owned him.

I'm sorry you feel badly about not being able to borrow the \$200 from Mr. Loveland. Of course it is to his advantage to not loan you more on the same security. From this distance I should say that the expenditure would not have added an equal value to the house. It would be a mighty big debt to pay back especially in case you were unable at any time to keep your roomers.

We're occasionally eating new potatoes now. Our garden is no good this year. A small garden has no chance against gophers, rabbits, mice and insects but a big one like ^{the one} we had last year gives plenty for farmer as well as his stock. Our potatoes are fine.

Butter has dropped from 40¢ to 15¢ in the last month.

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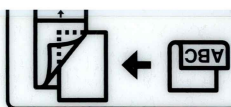


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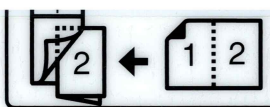
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