

Chinook
the
Coming
Western
City

WELL LOCATED IN THE
HEART OF ALBERTA'S
GREAT WHEAT BELT.

JUST THREE MONTH'S
YOUNG

ABUNDANCE OF GOOD
WATER AND CHEAP
FUEL.

SETTLING QUICKLY WITH
A LIVE, PROGRESSIVE AND
ENERGETIC BUNCH OF
PEOPLE.

COME AND JOIN US, OR
ASK THE SECRETARY,
BOARD OF TRADE, ANY
QUESTIONS.

What do you
think of this
stationery?

CHINOOK, Alta., May 7 1913

Dear Mother

There is one thing which
you should never fear to do.
You never write long enough
letters to worry about our
not being able to read them. I wish
you would write both Steven &
longer.

I entirely agree with you about
early hours & regular habits. I
wish Will did too. When I am
regular in my hours of sleep, meals
& work I feel very much better &
get more work done & have more
self-confidence. It is true one can do
more & be more of a success in life
if one has a well-founded self-
confidence, not conceit. You can
see for yourself however that it
would be hard for us to be
regular without a housekeeper
here. Will does not like to live
that way, especially if it causes
any unnecessary exertion on his

part of I can get away taking pictures soon I will be more regular in my hours.

We are trying to find a hired man to work for us the rest of the summer but it is hard to get one who would be responsible. I would be away all the time & Willis is going to be away at the scrip off & so that we would have to have some one whom we could trust to tend our stock & things as well as ourselves. You know we are going to hire a lot of breaking done this spring & that will have to be all disced & harrowed several times which will be a great deal of work. The man who is going to break for us expects his gasoline engine to be here in about a week & after he gets it working smoothly he is coming here. We expect to get two hundred acres broken. It costs \$3.50 per acre to have it broken & packed. Will has applied for a twelve hundred dollar (\$1200.00) five year mortgage (interest @ 8%) & will probably get it as soon as he gets his patent for homestead which should be in a month or more. He applied for the patent

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just a month ago now.
If I can get away, I have
any success whatever I can make
twice as much money taking
pictures as a hired man would
cost. We would get more work
done too, because Will does not
work very much alone when
working for himself but would
feel he had to if he had a
hired man. You may not think
everything we do is the wisest thing
but do not judge us too hastily
because we do an awful lot of
figuring on everything before we
finally decide. Will does not
like to plan work a day ahead
but he is good about planning
a long way ahead. We can
see how we are going to get
out of debt finally but of course
it will take time.

I am glad that Mary has
been able to get the fountain
pen. I hope it gets here in

A3/A4 B4/B5 A3 B4 A4 B5 A3/A4 B4/B5

FRONT

a month or two. It will be awfully unhandy to write letters etc when I am travelling if I have no fountain pen.

We do not know of anything for you to bring with you which we need & have room for. I think it would be better for you not to bring anything except your personal effects. As to the washing machine which you suggested we buy by mail from Winnipeg, Will says we cannot afford to get one now because it would mean a special trip to Alaska & cost about ten dollars besides, after paying freight. After there is a freight agent at Chinoak we may be able to get one.

You have not told us definitely whether you intend to come here or not or when. Please tell us so that we can plan. Is Evelina coming? If the regular passenger train is not running you can either come on the caboose of a freight or let us bring you in the Democrat, forty miles. You can take your choice.

Your most loving Selden.

RETURN IN TEN DAYS TO

5/4/13

Chinook

ALBERTA



"THE TOWN THAT'S MAKING ALBERTA FAMOUS"

District only opened for development three years ago.

Area under crop 1910—nil

Area under crop 1912—20,000 acres

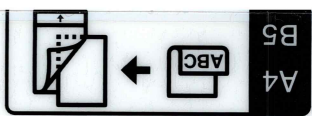
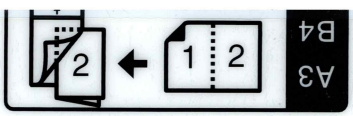
Estimated area for 1913—40,000 acres

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I forgot to tell you that this
 is the Finest Farming District
 that I've seen on my trip.