

**Chinook**  
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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  
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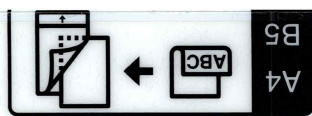
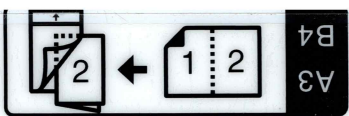
CHINOOK, Alta., June 14 1913

Dear Mother

We received your postal written from Clifton Springs. I hope you had an enjoyable time there. Clifton must have changed a great deal since I was there last, has it not? I wish I could make a visit there some time. I have almost forgotten everything there. I have only a hazy idea of what it looks like.

I suppose you are in Berlin now so I will address this letter to you there. I hope you are packing your "duds" now preparatory to coming here. We have been expecting some definite word from you every mail but none of any kind comes. I had a letter from Evelina a short time ago in which she asked if we wanted her. Of course we do, & expect her to come. I am going to





write to her again in this mail. I think the rains will be running before very long. The road is mostly collapsed and the station at Chinook is just starting to be built. A freight train with a caboose which carries passengers goes west one day & east the next, so that you could come out from Alaska on that if the regular trains are not yet running.

The gasoline traction engine is here working now. There is fifty acres broken on my place & they have just started on Will's. It is very dry now right here but it is sure to rain soon. It is fine & wet in town & for two miles this side. It looks great to see so much land broken up on my place! We expect to have about two hundred & fifty acres of crop next year if nothing unexpected happens.

There was one unfortunate thing that happened to us this week. Mr. Thompson, who is



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working for us had a runaway  
with the disk-harrow & one of  
the mares legs was broken,  
the buckskin "Babe". We had  
to kill her. We miss her awfully.  
He felt awfully badly about it too,  
and gave us back his whole  
month's wages, forty dollars.  
Babe cost fifty but of course we  
could not replace her for that. We  
have bought another horse now  
which cost one hundred & twenty  
five. The disk was badly bent  
& broken & will cost quite a bit  
to have fixed & will take a long  
time because new parts have  
to be gotten by freight from  
Winnipeg. This is our first  
bad misfortune since we have  
been homesteading. We have  
been unusually lucky in every  
way, since we have been here.  
To pay for the new horse &  
part for the breaking we had to  
borrow money at the bank.



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We borrowed four hundred dollars, which we expect to pay back out of the mortgage money which we expect to get soon. Our credit is good anywhere now & we have a good reputation for being honest & paying our bills. It is worth a great deal to have a good reputation & to be able to get credit for anything, because it is very often necessary to buy things when we have no cash.

The bank values our horses at two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) and our land at a very conservative estimate of two thousand dollars a quarter (\$2000.00). I have not my patent yet but will have it soon. Of course we cannot borrow on our preemptions because they are not ours yet. Will's patent is at the Land Titles Office at Calgary & he has sent for it & will probably get it about as soon as you get this letter.

Our land is worth considerably more than \$2000.00 a quarter. That is only



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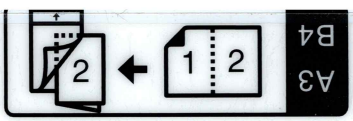
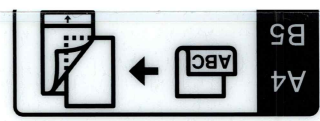
twelve dollars and a half per acre. It is worth twice that. The land if it were of no use to us if we could not work it to make money. That is the reason for mortgaging, so as to develop the land & make it produce cash. If the crop is not a failure next year we are sure to get ahead. An average crop should make from ten to twenty dollars an acre. If ten we should get \$2500.00 for our crop next year. I certainly hope that it will be a good year for crops.

I have not been able to get away much to take pictures but still hope to.

Hope you are well and will write to us right away telling the dates you expect to leave Berlin & get here.

Love Selden.





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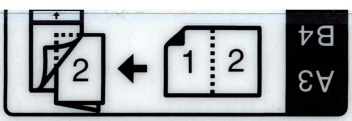
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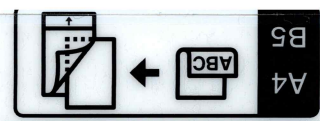
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