

Return to E.S.B.

March 29, 1924

Use this address
for the present.

1316-15 Ave. W.
Calgary Alta.

Dear Mother:-

I am sorry that to my other failings is added that of being a poor correspondent. My reason for being so poor a one this last while is that my work hasn't been very successful here. I have asked to be relieved and will be leaving my position at the end of this week. I've done the best I could but haven't been able to keep up to the standard of the other teachers in maintaining discipline. I don't know yet what I will be doing later. My bank account is always empty or I pay on debts as fast as I get any money.

I will try to write the letters you speak about. The Review of Reviews hasn't come to me yet but I have asked to have all mail from Mt. Royal College forwarded. Letters seem to come all right except registered ones.

As to your questions about friends in the city, I am lucky not to have any. Except for the people in the school no one will know when I have left town.

I likely will try something where I won't need to talk much as my throat is getting to be a chronic sore throat and ~~has~~ lately been painful enough so that I lost several days from school. The ears are free from the noise we since my operation last fall but my throat is bad. The doctor cut a small piece of tonsil that

but you said not mention this letter.

I wonder if this throat trouble might be any thing worse - think a specialist ought to be consulted immediately. If you will

was on irritation from my throat last week but he says the throat and nose are healthy (no puss only ~~mucous~~ and inflammation) and sore from talking.

Under the circumstances I don't think it would be advisable for you to plan to visit Alberta this summer.

Will.

Day letter

Mother received your letter today. Have just learned both families leave our house May first. I return Elvira next Tuesday. Mother alone needs one of us. Can you come home immediately? I can telegraph money for trip. Please telegraph collect amount needed.

Mary M. Belden

2,065 APPLY FOR EXEMPTION FROM MILITARY SERVICE

415 Willing to Go to War,
Which Is Better Average
Than Most Places

Up to Thursday night, 2,065 applicants had claimed exemption at the local office, and 415 had applied for service. This means that nearly five times as many men are applying for exemption as for service in this district.

Farmers' applications, both for service and exemption, continue to predominate, town people seemingly not having become awakened up yet to the necessity of filling in the forms.

One application, Thursday morning, had six causes for exemption marked, these relating to business obligations. The applicant also attached another sheet in which he expounded at length on the word "British subject." He had crossed out these words in the form, and written in "Canadian citizen," he explained, in his attached sheet, that he did not like to be called a British subject. Although Canadians were in truth subject to the British laws, he did not like the title as it smacked of the days of slavery. Not satisfied with his amplification, he had written in fine, neat writing in each of the space allotted to reasons for exemption, enlarging upon the causes which he claimed release.

Another man, who gave his religion as that of a Christadelphian, said his creed frowned upon war, and he wished to be excused. If physically fit, he will be given a post in one of the service corps of the army.