

Chinook Alberta
April 8, 1920.

Dear Coeling:-

I don't know that I ever answered your letter. I think it was just as well that you thought better not to send any money to invest in keeping our place. I hope it didn't worry you any. I should have told you that I burned up the check you sent so you don't need to save funds for it.

Selden & Coral are going to rent the farm this year and I am going away as that seems the best course. Just now I am considering ~~seriously~~ fitting myself to teach public school in Alberta. I'm not quite sure that I'll be able to manage it yet but I'm thinking it over any way. You know one of my ideas in taking up a farm was to have something sure that I could fall back on if my other enterprises of whatever nature should have failed to yield me a living but if perhaps the farming is not so sure as I imagined it and I think I would like to have some profession or trade that I could enter perhaps as a stepping stone to something else or in any case to make my living. My B.A. degree would be quite a help to me in this respect and I believe there is nothing I could

Will think the tarp could quickly work up into
two miles here by evening - but by evening
we'll have the tarp out and into a good
mess of mud. This is a
mess of mud.

As a
man
I would
take up
more
easily
or surely
than
pull
goods

work of this kind.

The only job I'm really fitted for at present is farm
labour and I don't care to make my living that way
unless I'm working for myself at a good profit.

I'd be glad for any advice on the subject if
you care to give me any. Selden is really fitted now
to make a living from his camera if it doesn't
prove profitable to farm although of course the farm

as it is now is something that we can't leave very easily.
Something like leaving a sinking ship - we want
to get the life boats ready but not abandon the ship
as long as there is a possibility of salvaging
the cargo.

I was interested to get your pamphlet. It
seems sort of lacking in not having more of your
personality in it but I suppose that is just what
the government wants - statistics rather than
suggestions.

Willie

Please send regards to Mamma.

I replied suggesting something in Govt dept of agriculture or college of agriculture
or such which would use his college as well as farm training. 2