

When there is plenty of rain and the trees
break the wind. However the wind blows
something terrific over that level country
so that it almost takes the grass out by
the roots, in fact that's the way the grass
looks. Then the sand & subsoil doesn't seem
to stand the dry weather so well as our
clay and the area that was burnt down there
looks like a desert. I don't believe there are
any immediate prospects of a railway in
that part of the country though they are
only thirty five miles from the main line
of the C.P.R. Maybe you would like to visit
them while you are out here. They're only about
fifty miles from here.

Well I must close.
Willie.

Chinook Alberta
Oct 18, 1916.

Dear Mamma:-

I'm quite encouraged to hear
that you are putting up fruit to bring
out to us. That sounds as if you were
really coming. The fruit will be a great
treat too. I hope we can plant some fruit
next year. You know small fruits grow
here very well. We have wild strawberry
plants on our place but we plowed up
most of them and they didn't do more
than bloom and send out trailers this year
in account of the fire followed by the
drought. There are wild cherries in the
river south of our forty miles and ~~about~~

At us fifteen miles I understood the
deep bottom is covered with straw being
flour, horse manure and cow manure grown
here and elsewhere some varieties of cuttles.
I hope you can bring one of the girls with
you, probably cooking as she has had no
meat this summer. Elden would teach
her how to ride and I would give her lessons
in driving a four horse team. She'll have to
bring a shindled skirt as we have no silk
ribbons and they aren't obtain here any more.
You people also will have to bring
your own sheets and pillow cases and
bed clothes and maybe an empty trunk. You'd
better be provided with socks and nets
and hats that admit steam muck. We will
buy in a sheep of mosquitoes netting

though that may be unnecessary. We had
no mosquitoes this year and they generally
don't last long after the first of July.
Elden and I will probably go down to my
self tomorrow unless one of us goes to Alaska.
We have been putting in the hours for a fortnight
parture and have to get the wire got.
You asked if Mr. Kil ~~had~~ was getting
discouraged. Of course we don't know but we
had nothing of it. Julia wrote Elden just
before I went for the box and she said she
liked the country very much. Sterling says this
country has a section and a half with his father
think and he thinks the country is fine. They
have fine level land without any stones but
the soil is quite sandy and though I would
like such a farm in a country like this.

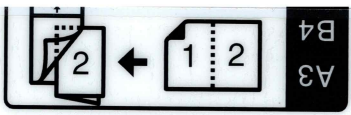
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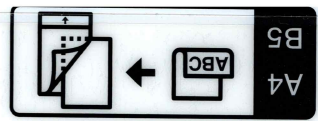
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