

Chinook, Alta.

April 21, 1920.

Dear Mother

Here it is the twenty-first of April & the snow has not all gone yet. We have not yet been able to do any work on the land with the horses. This has been the longest winter I have ever seen. It began the first week in October & is not over yet. It has been cold & windy & blizzard & snowy ever since Coral & I came back from Calgary a month ago. If spring doesn't begin soon it will be too late to put in as much wheat as most people have planned. Our land is in good shape to seed except that it is too soggy in the low places. Around the trees that grow at the edges of the sloughs there are still drifts as high as I am tall. The road to town is awful - ice & mud & water, & lakes by the dozen.

Will is going to work on a farm near here for a month or two. He intends to quit farming & prepare himself to teach school. You know Coral & I are renting his share of the farm this year & working it alone. We intend to take pictures on

Saturdays to get cash to help pay our grocery bills. That will take away some of the time I should be working farm implements but we will have to get some money somehow to live on. If the crop looks like a failure by July Corat & I will hire someone to take care of the farm & we will travel with the camera in districts where conditions are not so bad as here. I am sure we can make our living with the camera.

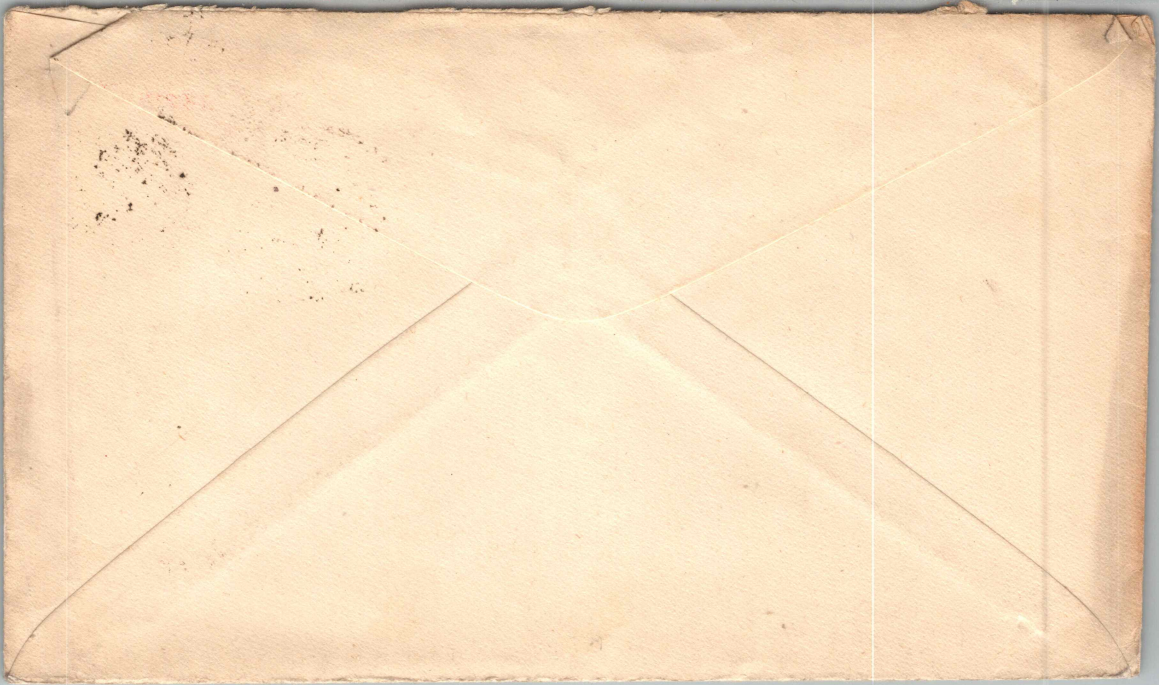
This news about Evelina is quite startling & unexpected! I hope you like the gentleman & I hope he is a better success financially than Will & I have been. Can't say that I admire lawyers as a class but I hope he is an honest & decent one. None of the lawyers I have met in the West are! Evelina wouldn't admire any man who wasn't worthy of it, I am sure. I would like to hear some particulars about him & about her plans.

Do you think you will be able to come & visit us this summer? We wish you could. I am unable to offer any financial assistance. It would be nice to have a good crop so we wouldn't have to leave all the family expenses to Mary & Evelina. Please write mother.

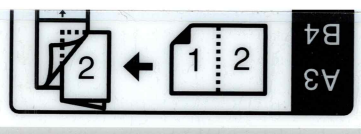
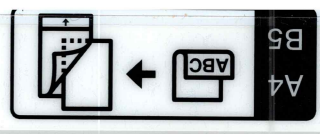
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