

Mother might
like to read this

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March 4, 1921.

Dear Folks :-

I'll write a few lines before going to school. The registered letter was a notice of caveat by Cockshutt people of which you already knew. Don't be afraid to open my mail at any time. I'm sorry about being obliged to ask for the money I did in the last letter. I know you have the money matters in front of you to worry you all the time which I am able partly to get away from them particularly as my mind is crowded so full of other things just now. I don't really believe things will come to a crisis with Cole & Hammond this year any way even if they do with the other company. We'll just have to meet things when they actually come and not when they threaten as we are now situated I think.

Miss Sommerhays (in our class) showed me an ad. yesterday morning saying that Chinook wished a new principal on April 11. I wonder if Coral would be willing to give me advice as to whether in case I had a chance at it whether she thinks it would be to my advantage to try to get the position. I don't mean that I would wish her to decide for me but I think her advice would be very helpful. I happened to run across Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell yesterday down town and Mrs. Mitchell (his mother died last week here in Edmonton) said Mr. Yoke was taking over the

inspector's job. He said likely Chinook would get some one from our class and that I ought to apply. I told him I was a little doubtful as to whether I could step into the position but he thinks I could. There undoubtedly will be other positions by fall. Miss Dickey told me there would be an opening in Comrose H.S. High River will have a new principal. Pincher Creek wants a supt. to come this month. Cody of our class whose ~~now~~ wife is now holding his job at Nobleford for him is pretty likely to be teaching in Calgary this fall etc. As to persons in our class whom Chinook might get two of the five girls might be suitable, and could fill the position as best as well, or better than Miss Edge and Miss Summerhayes. Of the eleven men now left in the class Cody has a job, Flint has been substituting in Edmonton, has a brother-in-law supt. and likely will stay here. C. E. Clark is very young (21 yrs) and needs the rough edges rubbed off. McNaught has the same trouble besides being slower mentally than Clark. Collier intends to keep on with his church at Red Deer unless something pretty good opens up. Brecken who was Y. M. secy at Calgary before war for a few years (he knows Marion Norton's family and Mr. Elmer Wright who told him I was studying here) quite likely will try to eventually get into Calgary schools ^{His wife, kids in Calgary.} Carswell will likely not teach at all but get into some engineering work - he may try to get a job ^{flying} ~~fall~~

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for the Imperial oil to Fort Norman & he was in the air service. This leaves only four men ~~two~~ including myself in our class. Of these B. H. Clark (married with a child or two) would be able to fill the position. He is a returned man graduated last year but has had some experience teaching and preaching. He was teaching or travelling for insurance or something near Sibbold last fall. He's Scotch ^{Canadian} and in style something between Dr. Smith and the Longabury (I guess I haven't the name just right) that used to preach at Chinook. I don't know whether he has any thing in mind or where his wife is now. Some one will probably be taking the Pincher Creek school.

Byrrolle is a returned man who lost an arm at the front. He has taught a little bit ~~with~~ in some foreign settlement in Alberta I think. He is quite a conscientious student and a little boastful. In our spelling test and arithmetic tests he stood right near the top of the class. He has a little more difficulty expressing himself than some of the class due ^{perhaps} to a certain lack of ready vocabulary and a certain amount of boastfulness. He is a good man however (from "raises") and I'd put him above myself as being able to fill the position. The Niell is Irish (his father was a presbyterian minister) a tall fellow with a languid air and the old country disregard of his clothes if you know what I mean. He has done several years teaching in Ireland and tutoring English boys in Italy and Switzerland. His specialty is literature and classics and languages. He speaks French with

Moorehead likes the country he spent last year with brother at Dunsmuir farming.
Paris accent I believe. His tone maybe would in some ways be a little "above" the class of students he might get at Clivook. He is a veteran of the Egyptian, Palestine, and Greek expeditions. He has a little leaning toward socialism though not a socialist. He doesn't identify himself with any church because he doesn't believe the church is doing her duty. He is an individualist and believes the state should regulate only a very few of our activities. He is clean minded and cultured. If he has any particular fault it is that he decides present conditions in the economic & social world without using his personality as a positive force to better things. He is unmarried and nearly my age if not older but with undoubted money if his economic status ^{because} ~~is~~ ^{satisfying}.
~~If I did~~ I wonder if the Laughlin school district would any help hunting up a teacher? It is a good school and deserves to have a good teacher. If they wanted a normal graduate I'd be glad to get the assistance of some of the teachers in picking out a good one. This is only a suggestion.

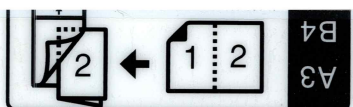
As to the money, if you have not sent it yet, perhaps it would be better to send it later in the month as I should get my bank check very soon. I have to handle quite a little class money as secretary of the class and chairman of ways and means committee for the Normal so it will be extra bad for me to have my own cash account run too low particularly as I am not able to bank the money and continually mix the three or four accounts in making change.
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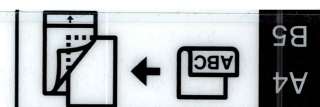


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