

Chinook, Alta,  
Sept. 24, 1922.

Dear Mother

Your letter telling about the wedding October 16<sup>th</sup> and other news was very welcome. Your questions as to what I am going to do next etc etc can not be easily answered. In any case I have written out a renters contract with a good married man who wants to rent our farm for three years. We have not actually signed & completed the contract yet but I am reasonably certain he is coming. He is a very satisfactory & honest sort of man, in whom I believe. His wife is evidently a good manager too — there are three children 10, 8, & 1½ years old. They will come within a few days now so you see mother I am almost free to go away & start at some new occupation. What to do is of course the principal trouble. Jobs are scarce in the west. I hate to have my thirteen years experience of farming go entirely to waste. I have applied for a position as Farm Land or Loan Inspector for a mortgage company for which I am ideally

fitted, but it seems doubtful whether I can get such a position. I am writing more applications right now. The salary ought to be around two hundred dollars a month. If I succeed in getting such a position soon we will certainly be glad, but there are so many men who would like this kind of position that I really don't expect to get it.

If the position does not materialize soon I will be free to go East in time for Evelina's wedding, if there would be any possibility or probability of being able to get some sort of position thru the help of any of my relatives. I am still ambitious & energetic capable & responsible & adaptable. I don't want an office job, unless it is the only door to better opportunities of advancement. Do you think that any of our friends or relations who are coming to the wedding could or would help me get a job with possibilities of advancement? I am willing to go anywhere to get a good permanent position. If there is a chance to advance or grow up in the business, I'd go East or West, South America or China or even Russia - but I don't want to farm any more! If you think it worth while,

think we could manage to get money enough  
to pay my expenses East in time for the  
wedding. We would certainly love to be there.  
Coral is going to teach until the end of October  
when the school closes down for winter & also  
runs out of money for teacher's salary. So you see  
Coral could not go too. I wish I could be there  
right now to help you with the many things  
that you probably would be glad to have a  
man for. I wish Evelina were in better  
health. It would have been nice if she  
could have been out here for a month to  
rest & recuperate. It seemed to agree  
with her before. We have a nicer home  
now that I am married, of course, altho  
Evelina <sup>or any Easterner</sup> no doubt would find it cramped!  
I am going to write to Evelina today too. If  
you are not too worried and overworked & tired  
already I hope you & Evelina will talk over  
this letter & let me know just as soon as  
you can write if you think it advisable  
& worth while for me to go East to try for  
a job & get there in time for the wedding.  
You would need to write within a day or  
two after getting this so I could be there in

time to help.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Calgary Daily Herald showing Will as my camera made him look. It isn't as good a reproduction as the original picture, maybe Will sent you some pictures, did he? If I go to Berlin I would like to make pictures of the Bride & Groom and all the relations & families.

Please let me know what chances you think there are for me if I go to Berlin, so that if I have not already found a position here I can start for the East immediately. It is almost too late to do enough photographic work travelling to pay to outfit, because the snow is likely to come any time in October to make the roads impassable & stop all farm work. There will be no work for me to get in Calgary for the winter unless I get something permanent by soon.

Love Selden.

P. S. I think the operations probably have done me good, but the dust on the farming jobs hurts my head worse. I breathe more freely & don't say I don't "sneez" any more!