

1337-16th Ave. W.,

Calgary, Dec. 6, 1922.

Dear Mother

Your letter written from Youngstown Nov. 30th came yesterday. I am glad you are having a chance to rest up at Ellen's home. It is nice that you enjoy riding in Ellen's car every day.

We have practically decided to go to Los Angeles together and plan now to start about Monday morning Dec. 11th. There seems to be absolutely no way whatever to make our living here. Times are good in Los Angeles and there are lots of advertisements in the papers for help wanted. I have bought several Los Ang. papers at the newsstands here to look them. I wrote to Mr. Hillis and he says times are booming & there is lots of work, but so many people are going there that one cannot say when it will be filled up. There is no sense in staying in Calgary over winter anyway. Besides I cannot stand the extreme cold now since the operation on my nose. We have had several days of five to twenty below zero & I have had a cold steadily.

Mother I want to go to Oberlin so as to be near to you, but if I did not get work I would be so much more of a burden & worry to

you & everyone, that I think it advisable to go to Los Angeles instead. I am not a specialist in any line so that I could not get a position in the East that would reflect credit on you. That, of course, would make you feel badly altho you would not admit it. Evidently it must be hard to get a profitable & creditable position, if William Davis had such a hard time getting located. He should be able to get something really worth while, with his ability, and experience in Detroit, as compared to what I could get. If I went to Berlin, & did not get a job of any kind it would be an extra burden on Mary besides a worry to you both, & I want to help instead of worry & make trouble for you.

Hope that we will get started in something profitable when we get to California, so that you can come out to visit with us there. I think a change of climate would be good for you. We most certainly want you with us.

We still have Mary's two hundred dollars invested which, could be used in case of an emergency, if we do not get work right away, or if we should be sick. If we have no misfortunes, so that we do not need to use this money, don't you think it would be a good idea to use it for your fare & expenses

to visit us in Los Angeles after we get settled, if Mary is willing? Will has said that he will divide his salary with us until we are located + earning. It will take most of Will's salary to pay taxes and buy feed + seed and incidentals to keep the farm running. Heretofore Coral's salary has been used for that.

We had some of our household goods shipped here which we intend to take along with us to California. There is no duty on household goods but the freight is \$4.36 per hundred pounds so we are not taking very much stuff. We have had eggs, butter + dressed chicken sent in from the farm too. I wish we could give you some of them. The chickens are spring chickens I raised myself. Mr. Knudsen, our tenant, picked + cleaned ten I sent them in this week. We will cook + take one or two on the train with us. You said turkey cost 60¢ a pound in Youngstown - it is about 30¢ here. Good hamburger steak can be bought here in Calgary four pounds for twenty five cents, - good pot roast 6 to 8¢, very best, choicest, roasts 10 to 12¢ per pound, boiling beef or veal cut in small pieces without any bones, 5¢ per pound. We bought a box of

by train. We may go by boat from Vancouver which takes one day longer. It is a few dollars cheaper by boat, and it includes meals also. We hate to leave all our friends & relations so close to Christmas but we simply must get started to work Love Selden.

apples, ^(40 lbs) when coal first came in Nov 4th for \$1.50

Our room on the third floor with heat, gas stove, electric light & water costs us \$16.⁰⁰ per month. Our food costs us about the same per month.

There was a big fire in Chinook last Friday night which burned up a large hall, a large general store, grocery store, drug store and implement shed & office. Our car was in the implement shed during the whole month of October, & I intended to leave it there all winter, but the last day in October I decided to go get it & bring Coral & the car in to Calgary, as her school closed then & the roads were good. I am glad now we brought it in! The car is it worth more than one hundred & twenty-five dollars but it would have been a bad loss just the same.

We heard about the fire over the Radiophone at the same time it was burning in Chinook. I have made two Radiophone sets which I am trying to sell, but no one seems to have any money to buy them. ~~What~~ listen to Radio concerts every day.

Is Will Taylor interested in Radio? Is there a broadcasting station in Youngstown? If he is interested I could make him a set a great deal cheaper than he could buy a ready made & would enjoy making it.

Please write whenever you can. Probably we would get our letters at General Delivery Los Angeles all right. It takes from Monday 4.30 A.M. to Friday A.M. to get to Los Angeles