

Calgary Alberta  
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Dear Mamma:-

I want to ask you when you get time to send me my guitar solo music which some way I forgot to pack. I haven't played my guitar any to speak of since I come away because I haven't the music. Another thing when you get time, would you please send Elden by mail ~~the negatives of my Gobbo pictures~~ and some of my Gobbo pictures and if you can find any of those that Elden took of Evelina ~~Elden~~ and me we wish you would send them too. I want some Gobbo pictures for my collection, also to send away and we haven't any.

I hope you aren't living alone in the house when such bad things are happening in Berlin. also I hope the house won't be left alone for it certainly won't be very safe, as it is so

easy to enter, and I suppose any one could set fire  
to it too. I'd really feel better if we sold the  
house, considering our debt at the bank and everything.  
Do you feel the same way about it and have you  
~~put~~ it in some one's hands? If you should sell  
the house I think you might do lots worse than  
coming out here and living or letting us boys take  
enough to double our land area if that much  
could be spared. Next spring the county is going  
to be settled all around us there won't be  
a section without a house and many with  
~~two~~ or three houses. Of course it would be  
an uneventful life but not necessarily one  
of extreme hardship. You could certainly do  
some good work in organizing religious  
social and maybe political work in the  
community. If you wished to build I  
think it could be done very much cheaper  
here than at home. For three hundred and

fifty dollars for lumber I think a very fair little two story cottage might be built. The boys could do the biggest part of the work, <sup>may</sup> be hiring one expert carpenter. One of our near neighbors is a professional carpenter. Of course the biggest difficulty in building a home would be in putting in a bathroom, running water at faucets etc. I think you would really have to have such comforts. We could install a gasoline pump or windmill and tank probably. We will be able to get good well water I think. One neighbor has struck water at 36 ft. depth which rose ten feet in the well. We could easily build a celler ~~under~~ the house as the land is sufficiently rolling to drain it. I think we could get rocks enough on the place to build foundations indeed I've been thinking of building my first little shack of rocks by diligently hunting up every rock.

on my half section.

If you should sell the house and thought you might come out here one of us boys could locate scrip and live on the place at first and then transfer it to you as that is allowable in the some family.

It'll be hard for us to plan to live on our land though all the year unless we have more capital to run on.

I have just received from Ottawa a description of the land laws. Another kind of scrip described is Half-breed scrip given to halfbreed Indians. This scrip has a ~~redeemable~~ value of \$240 but it must be worth more in the open market for it allows one to take 240 acres without any homestead duties. I'm going to look up how much the scrip costs. There'd be a fine place to invest it the scrip doesn't cost much more than volunteer scrip. I see the correct spelling is scrip.

Well love to all

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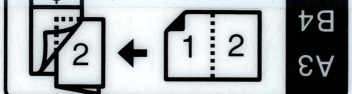
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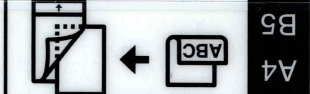


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