

This letter has been  
lying around for over a month

We are extremely busy at present

Oct 29 1914

Beautiful fall. We have had very  
heavy rains and conditions are  
very favourable for big returns  
next year.

Dear Mamma:

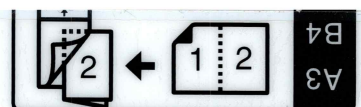
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Thank you very much for the birthday  
gift. We applied it immediately to cancelling some of  
our debts.

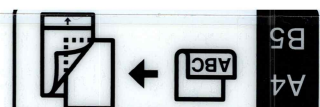
Our grain is threshed and we have marketed all we can afford  
to spare and a good part of our debts are still unpaid. We  
threshed 700 bushels of wheat and 334 of oats and 78 of  
flax besides selling a couple of loads of sheaves and feeding  
up several more. Our wheat on summer fallow yielded between  
11 and 12 bushels to the acre while the breaking yielded  
6 bu to the acre. The oats threshed at the rate of ten  
bushels to the acre. There was not as much feed on the  
fifty acres we had in oats this year as on a field  
of less than six acres we had in 1913. Our flax  
yielded three bushels per acre the best crop I've heard  
of. Our yields were about the average. A few farmers  
had better yields several getting from 18 to 22 bu. of  
wheat to the acre. Our wheat graded number one and sold for  
88¢ to 90¢

The government will have a man in here on Oct  
14th to investigate the cases of farmers who will be unable  
to purchase seed grain for next year. Possibly we

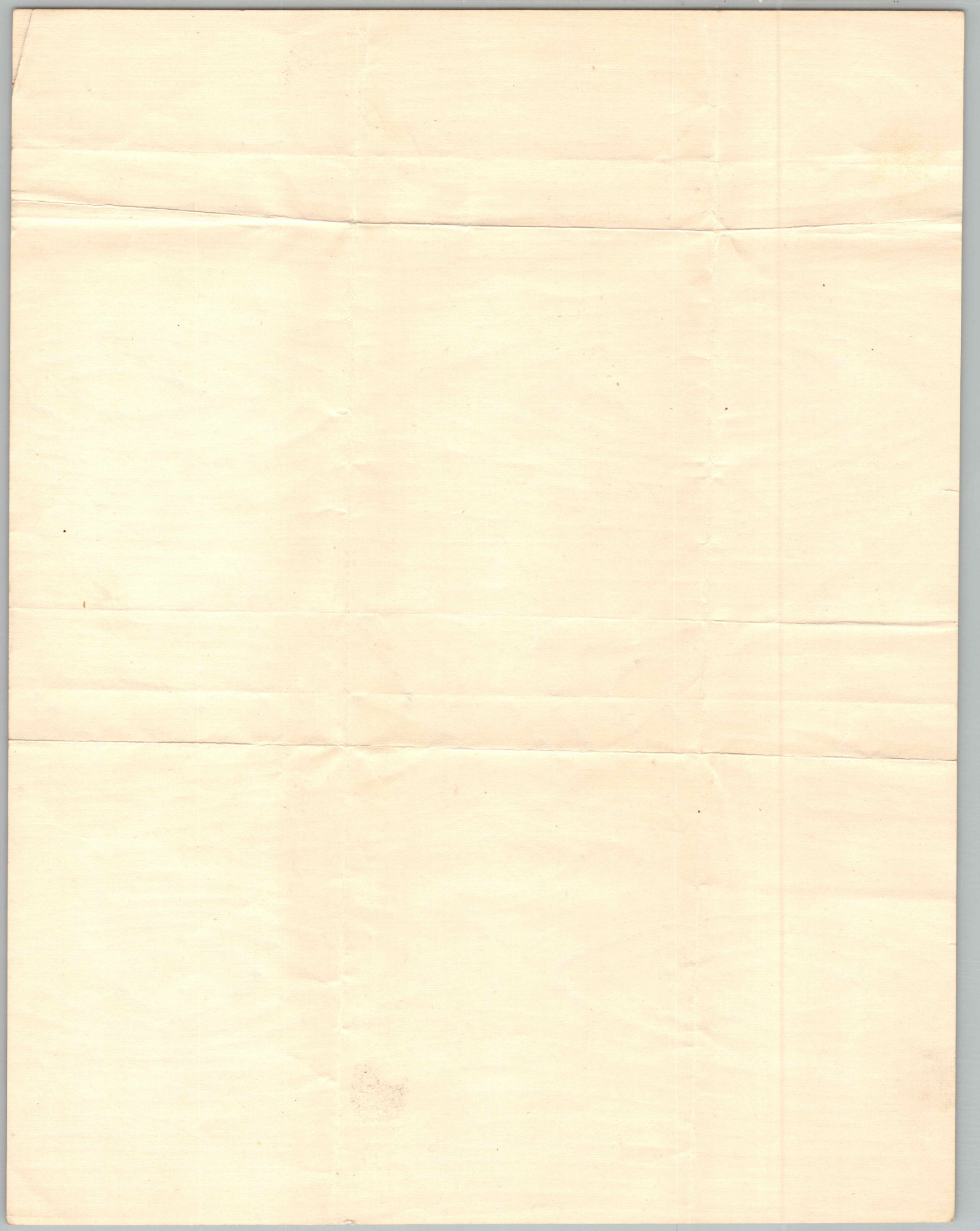
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may get some assistance from here. The government is very anxious to have every available acre seeded next year.

It is impossible to raise any money locally. We have been trying hard to sell a team at a bargain.

We traded six for twenty, three month old pigs and three pretty well grown but thin ones. We expect them to get fat fatturing on our stubble fields. We also have a couple of sows at least one of which is soon due to farrow. The other if not with pig is fat enough to butcher almost any time. The pig population is decreasing fast. With grain not only high but also scarce many cannot afford to feed their pigs and whole car loads of sows are being shipped out. Thin pigs and young ones too small for fattening before cold weather are very cheap. Little pigs like the ones we bought can be bought for \$1.00 to \$1.50 each. Last spring they brought from \$3.00 to \$5.00 each.

Our potato crop is going to be pretty fair after all. Potatoes are \$1.50 per bu. at present. Very few people have <sup>potato</sup> crops as good as ours.

The Alberta homesteader you wrote ~~me~~ about is quite a near neighbor of the Kidds being about fifteen miles from them. He lives fairly near to Mr. Jones at whose house you spent one night. Dr.

Swartzlander is a near neighbor to my scrip  
(over.)

Ellen, read & send. Declina  
& she returns home. It is  
so long since I have heard,  
I'll have to keep this till  
the next letter comes.

Engina has one from Leldin  
that she will send to you, &  
you return to me.

I am too busy to write  
more this week. We are late  
with. Your letter came yesterday.  
I don't believe you have any real  
occasions for anxiety. It is un-  
nearly better for grown people  
not to interfere in difficulties  
between children. They get on  
faster quicker than older  
people. I have generally found  
that ignorant dissensions &c. and  
peevish & active as though I say  
that was right makes it right.  
After things are said, it is not  
so easy to unsay. "one lony  
Mauna-

He is a little dark fellow and looks like Scott  
Coffin (1909). There is a bunch of college boys that  
he came out with, several Mc Cormick brothers among  
them. The McCormicks knew "Philosopher" Stearns  
O.C. '09 in their home town. Swartz border has set up  
practice in Oger 25 miles from Chinook. Swartz border  
& the Cormick staid at our old sod shack (the chicken house  
en route to their homesteads their first trip out  
here settling.

I wish very much if you get the chance you  
would send us a couple of cakes of Ivory soap.

We have ivory soap now.  
Swartz border sends his regards  
to Rouse. He says Rouse  
is quite a runner.  
Glad to hear  
Mary is well.