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High River, Alberta, August 5, 1905

Dear Mother:

I just wrote to you on a postal but I have nothing to do now for a while so you will forgive me if I write again in the same day, won't you?

Just as soon as I got off the train I had a chance to work but I wanted to work near where Mr. Heacox is so didn't take the job. As soon as we get ready we start for a twenty-six mile ride across the prairies. I expect that won't be as much fun as most of the journey but I will like it I am sure.

I am having a fine time & have been happy all the time & will be all the time that I am here. This is a grand country. I wish I could get some land out here. In two or three years it will be three times as much as it is now. I only have about four dollars now. I hope I can earn enough money to pay all my expenses and have a little left over. This is really a great thing for me. I'm having the time of my life.

seeing all this part of the world. I don't
feeling there was another person on our
train who enjoyed the trip half as much
as I did. I kept looking out the windows from
breakfast until dark and got my eyes full
of birds, I noticed them out, got them full again
and so on. We passed thro a wilderness of
half burnt woods for a day, thro a rocky
place where there was nothing but rocks and
underbrush for two days and the rest of
the time thro the prairie. I have seen heaps
of gobbers, a big parakeet but no coyotes,
altho I kept on the watch for them. The
trip around Lake Superior was fine, but the
train was eight hours late so I was dark before
we could see much of it. It must have been
an awful try undertaking to build that
railroad. I'll never be sorry that I have
taken this trip. I don't see any cause
for being sorry I don't learn to smoke or
get into any bad habits and I shall not
do that.

I guess I can't write much more on this
paper or goodbye to you all, Mary, Ellen,
Evelina, Willie, Grandma & my dear mother
from your brother, grandpa & son John.

P.S. Address C.S.B. care Henry Ernst,
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Via High River,
Canada.