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burned this year, making hay. I rode
around the country first on horseback
and looked up the sloughs that had
good grass on and then guided the other
fellows to them. There are three of us in
together, a neighbor three miles south named
Sutterington, another fellow named Rideout
& his partner, Bird, and myself. Unluckily
Will had to go to Calgary just now when
he is needed most so he doesn't get in on
this except inasmuch as he gets what I do.
I found all the sloughs and do all
the raking and help load but I haven't
any hay-rack so can't haul any. Bird
has been hauling one load to his place
and then one to me but now he
thinks that I ought to get a rack from
someone & haul too. I won't be able to
haul much of a load with my ponies
but I will try to take all I can. We can
go down, load up and return home &
unload in one full day. The hay is
pretty poor stuff but it is better to get
it than to have to buy hay for twenty-
five dollars a ton and haul it the
hundred miles from Bassano. If I
only had a little money & could buy a big
team & a mower & rake & enough lumber
to make a hay-rack, Will & I could
put up enough hay to last us thru

5.
went out for a good place to get
them & a good way to get there.
I was gone two days. Going down
we didn't knowe but of water all
day & back & I were awfully thirsty.
We pretty nearly drank the river
dry. It was just so hot that if a
chunk of lead had been out in the
river I believe it would have melted
and the mud was four times as
hard as hot, the second day, coming
back it was just as hot but back
& I had a nice big drink of cool
water eight miles before we got
home. Before I went on last
trip Bucky never drank ~~more~~
than a half pint of water and
since then he has been drinking
two pails full every meal. I guess

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he won't be able to eat
quite a little, but so it is
I think it will be hard to get
enough to keep just our four
ponies. We will pasture them
except on the stormy days so
we may be able to get them
the water if it isn't too stormy.
You see we can only haul one
load a day since so it will
be about ten days or so before
we will finish hauling by. I
get a rack and haul it. When
we get that Hill and I expect
to go down to the mine and
cut some poles for fence post
and for rafters etc. I made down
there so Bucky two weeks ago & it

he no amount that he will have to make
another trip like that one without any
water + no tools to be prepared.
Well, I suppose that about the time you
get this letter I will get you from
asking what the matter with the
I haven't heard from him for a month
the fact is I have been away every track
day or two so busy that I can't find
time to write. I haven't had time to
get my paper from Kild yet about
I will leave for a month or so. I don't
tell you, that I got a note from
him saying that my dog was at his
concern + I could get it. I don't believe in
would have written of about the note
I don't get the time. As soon as I get
time I hope to look down there + see
Earl + Julia + Marshall + just make a
friendly call, hoping that the old man
will be at home. I would like to see what
Julia thinks of the handwriting she seemed
so excited over coming out with that
with a much pleasure when I saw her
in October. I am sure Mr. Kild would
be decent to me + just as kind as possible
to Kild as part of the other side. I would
managed in his imagination of what kind
me and I expect my friends to apologize

and I might just as well be
friends as not if he will be,
I rather imagine that he told
Mr. Sperry some bad things
about me which are not true
& I really believe that that is
the reason Mr. Sperry did not
invest out here.

Well I must go to bed it is half
past eleven, but just I want to
ask you if you won't please
number the pages of your
letters & put them in their right
order before you mail them
because very often your letters
come beginning with page
five or something & then the
next number maybe is eight

and the pages between are not
in the letter at all. I suppose
it isn't polite of me but you
would excuse me I am sure
if you got letters that had pages
missing & could feel how unpleasant
it is.

I don't expect Will back until
Saturday anyway. He went last
Thursday & today is Sunday.

Do you ever hear from Mazy?
I'd like to write to her but she would
probably be home again before a
letter from here could get to her
since I don't know her address.

I wish Eulinda would write to
me. She did for a while but I guess
she got discouraged because I never
answered. I am just so busy I can't
find time to write.
E.S. Belden Always your most loving son
Chinook Alta. "Teddy"