

Wimborne Alta July 19th 1910.

Dear Father & Mother.

As I have been called down so often for not writing, I will try to make amends by writing to night. I seem to be busy all the time although there is two of us here, we both find plenty to do. We have had a very dry season don't expect a full crop, we had a rather severe hail storm in the latter part of June which put the grain back considerable. It is not nearly so dry here as farther south, we will be able to cut plenty of hay, we are going to try and put up some for sale, expect it to be high owing to scarcity in the south. I have broken ten acres on my place and Mitch is breaking now on his, wants to plough fifteen acres, it is almost too dry to plough. We move Mitch's house over, and set it just south of the barn, we are going to put his barn & mine together and have a place for the milk cows & horses, we have four sows and fourteen young pigs, and Mitch has bargained for a sow & nine pigs from Scotty Kerr, we are milking six cows, the other three are not Echu milkers anyway, and I thought I would give their calves a good start by letting them suck for a while longer.

I am sorry I did not write sooner in re-
gard to Wesley Blackburn Wesley don't need
to be afraid that he won't find room for him
out here as there is more land cleared here than
at Ross Creek. ^{or Reinegs Bay.} he can easily find a place for
rent or can buy in this vicinity. I would not
like to pick out a place for him, but if he
come out here, I will do what I can to help him
get located. I got a letter from Cole nearly
three weeks ago, saying that Emerson was going
to loan him money to make a payment on a
1/4 sec of land, he wanted to come here, I wrote
telling him to come, as there were three places
close to us, and that I knew he could get
good terms on either of them. I wanted him
to come and take his pick. I have not heard
from him since, don't know whether he has
given up the notion or not. I wish he would
come, as I believe he would do alright; he said
he liked the country here better than any part
of the west that he has seen so far, I am glad
that the Boys in Saskatoon are doing so well.
I hope Sam. will send or bring out those
cows as Mcletts needs something like that to give
him a start. I am giving him his living

and sharing what we make for the year, and will do the same next year if he wants to. I don't think his wife likes the arrangement: she doesn't want him to invest a dollar until they make up their minds as to whether they are going to like the country or not. Mitch says he likes it all right, and that Jennie will have to like it. Her mother has been writing her some very unsetting letters. I don't believe any of your boys has got as sensible a wife, as this father has, of course that will need to be kept secret. Our new baby does not seem to be of the sweetest disposition, Clara says she does not see what makes the baby so fussy, I told her it must be from nursing a fussy mother. She has decided to put her on one of the cows. I guess I can find one that is not "fussy". The last letter you wrote must be down to Mitch as I can't find it here, whether I have answered all your questions or not: I guess I have told you all I know. I don't suppose Sam could say for sure about the cows, it would make some difference about putting up hay there are parties wanting us to contract so much and we would know better what to do, if we were sure about Sam sending the cows.

P.S. Mitch forgot to enclose the notes when he wrote, but he sent them from Lunenburg when he was in there. if you don't see them let us know.

I am afraid the Strawberry plants are not going to do very well. Some of them are growing and others are not. our garden stuff was all destroyed by the hail. except the potatoes which were not up enough to take much harm. I had no insurance on the crops. I had to go to Lunenburg on July 1st and intended to insure them, but that was just two days too late. no one was expecting hail so early. however the grain was very short at the time, and the hail gave us about all the moisture we have had this summer, and the wheat is starting to head though it is short. we will at least have plenty of hog & chicken feed. the C.P.R. land lying between Mitch's place & mine is not on the market yet. Ernie Kerr bought a $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. west of his place just across the road. \$10.00 per acre. I hear that the grading is about all done on the Railroad running through Trochu 14 miles from here the one closer to us is not doing anything this year, well I don't know of anything more to write to you so will close remember us to all, we are all well at present. I hope Ma is not suffering any after effects from her fall, and that you are both well.

Your affectionate son Scott.

Scott July 19th
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