

Seed wheat for 50 acres	50.00
Grain for 5 horses and hay for stock	125.00
Living expenses, 1 year, for family of four persons, besides butter, milk and eggs	200.00
One year's blacksmithing on farm	25.00
Doctor's bill (if necessary), say	75.00
Cost of irrigating a ½ sec. as I find it at Strathmore, and school taxes, etc., say	250.00
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	\$3,585.00

As I find it, I think a farmer should have a half section in order that he may grow crops in rotation and summer fallow, and to not buy land together means a very great loss of time going to and from land purchased.

I am, yours truly,
ISAAC BOLINGER.

Langdon, October, 1908.

The Canadian Pacific Irrigation Colonization Co.,
Calgary.

Gentlemen,—

Replying to yours of the 28th ult., I have pleasure in giving the information asked for, so far as is in my power, regarding amount of capital required to start a farm here. My own case would not be a good example, because my previous circumstances had not prepared me to do much for myself on the farm, and consequently I have had to pay for work, which another, with some experience of farming, could do for himself.

In the first place, a house is necessary, and this is a very variable item. My house has cost \$1500.00, but I see many farm houses round here which would not cost half that amount, and I think that a comfortable house for four persons could be erected for\$1000.00

A barn 29 x 25, with 3 double stalls for horses, 3 stalls for cows, hay loft and hen house, also an implement shed 24ft. x 12 ft., has cost me	540.00
Fencing ¼ sec., 2 miles, and cross fence ½ mile, 2½ miles at \$60.00 per mile for material only	150.00
My well, drilled 46 ft. deep with hand pump, cost (Could be dug for much less).	135.00
Cooking stove	55.00
Horses, 4	600.00
Harness	120.00
Cows, 2	90.00
Pigs	5.00
Poultry	25.00

Implements—Wagon \$	90.00
Mower	68.00
Rake	40.00
Disc	45.00
Harrow	22.00
Plow	60.00
Seed drill	140.00
Binder	180.00
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	645.00
Seed grain for fifty acres	90.00
Breaking fifty acres at \$3.50 per acre	175.00
Sundries	50.00
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	\$3590.00

It may be noted that on the implements it is often possible to get long credit or payment by instalment over three years. I trust this statement will be of service to you, and I shall be glad to give any explanation desired or to answer any questions you may wish to ask.

I am, yours truly,
WM. CASSELS.

Cheadle, Alta., Nov. 9th, 1908.

The Canadian Pacific Irrigation Co.,
Calgary.

Gentlemen,—

In answer to yours asking me for information, as regards cost of starting a farm of 160 acres, I will try and give you the actual figures which I consider a man with moderate means would need to start.

Anything I have purchased has been of very good quality, and have paid more than what the ordinary settler could afford to do.

I find that the price paid for well sinking is \$2.00 a foot. I am on rising ground and secured a fair supply of water at 40 ft. I would advise anyone to "go slow" at first, and if an utter stranger to the country had 50 or 100 acres broken and seeded by contract; it would thus give a person time to obtain the prices of stock, machinery, etc.

Estimate given as near as possible the amount of money needed to buy horses, to cultivate 80 acres, and to work a farm of 160 acres, the first year:

Six fairly good horses	\$1200.00
Two sets of harness for same (new)	120.00
Tools, including posthole digger, shovel, brace and bits, chisel, hay and manure forks, hammer, rule	12.00