

No. 42.—ALEXANDER YOUNG.

Family.—Wife and four children; son aged 4, daughters 8, 2, and baby. Norman Morrison, a cousin, went to Portage la Prairie on 12th May; will take S.E. quarter as homestead if he can get advance of \$300, and will then see No. 42 through. Jane Stewart came out with family, and went straight through to B.C.

Breaking.—Two acres; did some breaking for Mitchell.

House.—Built it himself. Done nothing to it for the winter.

Stable.—Turf walls up: rails for framework of roof lying alongside.

Stock.—Cow and calf lost; supposed to be in Icelandic settlement. Oxen all right.

Well.—17 feet deep; 5 feet of water; good.

Hay.—Lost all by fire: absent from home putting up more with his wife assisting him.

No. 43.—ARCHIE FERGUSON.

Family.—Wife and five children, son of 7, daughters 15, 13, 7, and 4. Marion, daughter, is at the Moosomin crofter settlement.

Breaking.—Six acres.

House.—Good: plastered downstairs; turf roof. Wife has spinning wheel.

Stable.—Very good; log and turf.

Stock.—Is satisfied. Oxen and cow all right: cow not giving much milk.

Well.—None.

Hay.—Has six tons; is getting more.

Labour.—Will go to work on the railway on Friday.

General.—Says his brother, Roderick Ferguson, one of Lady Gordon Cathcart's Moosomin crofters, has threshed out 1,000 bushels of wheat and has 20 head of stock, after five years in this country. Has promised Archie a cow and calf if he will go for them. Wants clothes for children. Likes the country well, and says that everyone has been very kind to him.

No. 44.—MURDO McIVOR.

Family.—Wife and three children, daughters 4, 2½, and ½ years. Donald Graham, cousin, at Portage la Prairie on 12th May. Was at work on railway at Drumcannon when last heard from; expects to return when work gets scarce.

Breaking.—1½ acres.

House.—Outside has enclosed house with horizontal rails, pinned at corners, and plastered in with mud, making a thick and impervious wall to the house.

Stable.—Is building one with No. 30 jointly; log and heavy turfing; making a good substantial job of it.

Stock.—Had a yoke of oxen originally; returned them two months ago. Cow poor; gives only about a quart of milk.

Well.—Shares that of No. 30.

Hay.—Has put up hay with No. 30 and will stack with him.

Labour.—Cannot go out to work; the backward condition of his own work renders it imperative he should stay and finish it.

General.—Will want winter clothing for himself and children. Says he left some ropes and nets with his neighbours.

No. 45.—NIEL McIVOR.

Family.—Wife and two small children, daughter of three and infant; all in good health. Girl who accompanied him has married Donald Murray.

House.—Walls protected with rails laid horizontally and mudded; almost completed.

Stable.—Finished; poles and turf.

Stock.—Says oxen are good enough in plough, but not up to much in waggon. Only one cow and no calf.

Hay.—Has six tons up and one-sixth share on 30 tons in meadow. Complains of seven weeks lost haying.

Well.—He and Murdo McSween share a very good well together.

Labour.—Will go to railway work at Whitesand Creek on Friday.

Complaints.—Wants another cow and calf.

Breaking.—Seven acres. Will want warm clothing for winter.