

I like the country here better than I expected I would. They are sowing their wheat. Commenced on the 10th of the month—snow all gone and weather nice.

If you have any one wishing to hear from this country I will write them in regard to it. I have several coming here on my recommendation. I would not return to Nebraska if they would pay my fare and give me the best ten acres of land I know of.

Hoping you will do your best for people coming from my part.

Yours respectfully,

F. E. Robertson,

Lacombe, Alta.

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Dauphin, Manitoba, Jan. 26th, 1899.

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My Dear Sir,—I thought I ought to write you, as you were so kind in doing all you could for me when I was in Michigan.

I have been here now nearly three months, and am highly pleased with the country and my settlement in it. I am happy to say that the winters here are not nearly as severe as they are in Michigan; that is, one does not feel the cold as badly here as there. Here at Dauphin we are well sheltered by the mountains. There is never much wind here and the air is very dry and pure, so that you never feel the cold much at all.

This is one of the best stock raising countries in the world, and has the very finest soil I ever saw anywhere, and I have been used to farming all my life. When I came here first I had a chance to see the kind of soil we have, for I dug several wells. The water is very good and you have only to dig from 10 to 15 feet to get it. There is plenty of good timber here for building purposes.

I never saw cattle look so fine as they do here this winter. With reasonable care they give great milk and make the grandest and sweetest beef I ever eat. I will try and get all the people I can to come here, and I know more than 100 who are interested in this country, and every one of them ought to come out here in the spring and settle.

The people here are enterprising and smart and want to get on and make money and have good homes. There are churches, schools, and all conveniences and comforts of eastern life. I am delighted I came here and will stay