

prices, as they can be shipped to different markets, i. e., England, Kootenay and Klondike, which will likely become head market for butter.

What the people in the States mostly fear is the winter here. They have the wrong impression that the winter in Alberta is very severe. Of course, nothing else could be expected so far north, but I have now spent four winters in Alberta, and none of these have been as severe as those eleven I have spent in Minnesota. Some few days it might become very cold, down to 40 degrees, but this lower temperature is not felt here as much as in the States, as the air here is dry, and in consequence lighter; and, besides, a very cold day, it is always no wind.

There are many homesteads yet to be had not far from the railway. Here in this settlement, consisting of nearly exclusively Northmen, and situate 22 miles from Wetaskiwin, a station on the Calgary & Edmonton railway, there are several homesteads within the school district bearing the name of New Norway. At Wetaskiwin good business is done, as times during the last year have improved considerably, and here would be a fine opportunity for a Norwegian or Scandinavian store, as we need such a one.

I would not advise anyone to come here without means, as such will have to rely upon others or be more dependent, even if it is not now as difficult to get through as four years ago. On the other hand, I know of people who have come out here without having as much of what is called "Sound Money" to buy a bag of flour, but who still have succeeded and do fairly well.

If you are in possession of two strong arms, a good energy and a sound mind, you will without doubt succeed here in Alberta, and after some time become your own master upon your own farm. On the other hand, a person must not have too great expectations, as here, as well as any other place, difficulties and unforeseen loss may be met with.

My letter becomes long, and I must conclude, with the advice: Come and examine for yourself and see with your own eyes.

(Signed)

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Duhamel P.O., Alta., Canada.

Edmonton, Alberta, May 25th, 1898.

Mr. Ed. T. Holmes, 154 E. 3rd Street, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir,—I write you as I agreed to do so. I am sorry you could not come out with us and have seen the country. We had a pleasant trip, travelling over about 200 miles of country, and liked it well.