

No. 38.—MURDO MCSWEEN.

Family.—Wife, and partner, Donald Campbell. Has had a letter from him, saying that he will be up this fall. Is working at Macdonald Station. Murdo says he does not expect to be repaid by his partner.

House.—Plastered outside on rails laid horizontally. Declares his lumber was 140 feet short, \$3. It seems that after delivery of the quantity necessary for the house, Murdo took it to the lake and hauled it about the country.

Stable.—Half built; rails and turf.

Well.—42 feet deep; contains six feet of good water.

Breaking.—Six or seven acres.

Hay.—Has eight tons lying in the meadow and two tons in stack.

Clothes.—None for the winter; has plenty of light summer things.

No. 39.—EWAN MCKAY (weaver by trade).

Family.—Wife, and three sons, aged 12, 11, and 5; and three daughters, aged 15, 10, and 2. One of his girls had work at hotel, but returned home after a while.

Breaking.—Five acres.

House.—Turf roof over boards and tar paper; plastered inside up and down stairs. Has spinning wheel and loom, and would like to follow his trade.

Stable.—Built of logs, with turf walls and sod and hay roof.

Stock.—Cow and calf, and oxen. Satisfied with them.

Well.—38 feet; 3½ feet of water.

Hay.—Has about eight tons.

Labour.—Was told to come to work on Wednesday.

No. 40.—NIEL MCSWEEN.

Family.—Brother and his wife. Brother Tulloch working at Medicine Hat. Wife staying at Niel's House. Annie, sister, at home. Marion working at Birtle with Mrs. Herchmer; writes, but sends no money. Catherine McCuish, friend, left them at Winnipeg; is at service. No letter from her.

Breaking.—Four or five acres.

House.—Turfed roof over boards and tar paper; partly plastered inside. Sister has spinning wheel. Not plastered upstairs yet.

Stable.—Completed; built of turf, with pole and hay roof; warm.

Stock.—Has yoke of oxen. Is well satisfied with cow. Has chickens.

Water.—40 feet deep; contains 10 feet of water.

Hay.—Has about six tons in meadow and as much in stack.

Labour.—Agreed to come to work on Friday as spare man.

No. 41.—MURDO McDONALD.

Family.—Wife, and three children, sons, aged 6, 4, and 2. Donald, a cousin, working at Arden; has written, but sent no money. Katherine McLeod, a cousin, went to Winnipeg; no word; thinks she is now at Killarney.

Breaking.—About six acres.

House.—Ready for winter; well sodded outside.

Stable.—None.

Stock.—Says oxen are only "middling." Cow all right, not much milk. Good calf.

Well.—None; gets water from No. 46.

Hay.—Nine tons.

General.—Will want clothes for the children for winter.