

Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada., May 14th, 1899.

Mr. McInnes,

No. 2 Merrill Block, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir,—I am still in Dauphin, though have bought land on Gilbert Plains. I am no less in love with the country than when I last wrote you. This spring is very backward, though crops are nearly all in now. It is quite muggy for a while in the spring though it soon dries off. There is no prairie here as I supposed before coming to the country. The land is covered with scrub but most of it can be ploughed under. The winter is not as disagreeable as in Michigan. This is a good place to grow stock, though most every farmer thinks of nothing but wheat, which is a good crop, as well as every other thing put in the ground. Potatoes yield from 700 to 600 bushels per acre, wheat from 40 to 60 bushels, oats 100 per acre. I dug a well 11½ feet deep with 7 feet of water, which is a sample of wells here with good water. I cannot but feel sorry for thousands of persons working sand banks back there when the soil here is the best in the world. We would like to see the Canadians in the States coming back where there is land enough and to spare. There is not many things except lumber, cattle, horses and some such things that come higher than there, that is nothing like the difference one would expect. There is lots of "cull" cows being shipped in here, which sell from \$30 to \$50. Oxen are as high as \$120, and that for very poor yokes, not half broken. The Galicians lead their cattle instead of having them mind by word of mouth, which seems to be the common way of driving here. There is some bronchos sold probably cheap here, but good horse teams cost \$300 or thereabout. I am expecting to sell my place there soon; if I do I would like to come there to get a car load of stuff to start on my farm here with. One cannot say too much for this country.

I remain,

Yours as ever,

(Signed)

Lewis A. Graham.

Lacombe, Alta., April 17, 1899.

W. V. Bennett,

Omaha, Nebr.,

Dear Sir,—I am writing you in regard to Mr. Frank Freel, Bancroft, Nebr. He wants to come here on or about the first of May.

I wrote to him to get his certificate off you; hope you will get him in shape to come here on or about the same time Mr. Redig comes.