

My own progress is not so very great, but I have surely done better here than I should have done in the United States during the same time working in a shop. I have now 50 acres in crop, 11 head of cattle, 5 horses, 20 pigs and 75 chickens, all the necessary farm implements, etc. Is not this to be well off compared to working as a slave in a shop, I would like to know?

Last summer a number of roads have been laid out and fixed up. Several schools were commenced, and a church building is erected within the settlement, which is going ahead in every direction. Immigration is going on steady. Some have left here and gone back to the U. S., but some have returned here again, because they found that it would be better for them.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

C. H. Swanson.

Egg Lake, Alberta, Sept. 9th, 1897.

J. H. M. Parker, Esq., Canadian Government Agent,
Duluth, Minn.

Dear Sir,—As I was to see you in April of last spring, you advised Mr. McCormick and myself to come out here and see for ourselves, and when we came out here I was surprised to find this part of the country so well adapted for farming. The soil, climate and crops are all as good as could be desired, and fully as good as you recommended. I am going to return to Michigan to settle up my affairs there, and intend to bring my boys here, as I am getting about all the land I want for them.

I wish you would write me a letter regarding return rates. Write to Calgary, Alberta, care Donohue.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

James Cuthbert.

Wetaskiwin, Alta., Sept. 11th, 1897.

W. Toole, Esq., Calgary, N. W. T.

Dear Sir,—You want to know how I have got along since I came into Northern Alberta. I am happy to inform you that I am not ashamed to tell.

We crossed the line and were at the Customs House the 4th of July, 1895, and located on my land five miles northeast of Wetaskiwin, on the 1st of August; left Farmington, Washington, on the 29th of May.

We had time to build our log house the first fall and to make us comfortable for the family and stock. The