

FORT SASKATCHEWAN, Dec. 7th, 1891.

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DEAR SIR,—I arrived here on the 18th of April, and found the spring well advanced, and grain that was in early was up and looking fine. I rented land, put in 25 acres of oats and 12 acres of barley, and one of potatoes, threshed 216 sacks of oats, weighed some of the sacks, and they weighed from 106 to 110 lbs. Had 600 bushels barley and 500 bushels potatoes. I consider that I had a good crop all round. I have been threshing all fall and have seen some better and some not so good. I feel sure that we can raise as good wheat as any place in America; as for oats and barley we are away ahead; potatoes, cabbage, turnips, onions, beans, peas, rhubarb are beyond description. No man would believe it till he sees it. I have seen some fine fields of timothy. Have seen the fattest cattle here I ever saw. Sheep do well, and there is lots of money in hogs, as we can grow barley and not half try, and there is a good market north for more pork than will ever be raised here. The growth of grass is something wonderful on the high land; it was three feet high, mixed with pea-vine. Better pasture a man could not ask for.

Any person wishing for more particulars can write me at Fort Saskatchewan. I will answer all questions so far as my experience will carry me.

I remain, yours truly,

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Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

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