

the gate we ran for the house. He laughed at us awful. We don't swim in it any more; on the contrary we swim in a pool in the pre-emption. People got to coming from town to it, so mamma and I didn't have many more swims. Mamma can swim like a fish.

My sister, Ruth, and I keep pigeons. She has the dark ones and I the light ones. They are funny to watch when feeding their squabs. One squab puts its bill in at one side of the old one's mouth, and his nest mate puts his bill in the other side. One winter we had some caged up in the house. They raised three squabs—one was white.

My nine-year-old brother and I am house-keepers. I can do most everything mamma can do except sew and knit. Once mamma was knitting and I took three careful beautiful stitches—backwards. I can sew plain things like aprons and the boys' shirts, but fancy things go to mamma.

Well, now I have chattered long enough, so good-bye.—From your cousin, Grace Peterson.

Myrtle, Man., May 1st, 1918.  
Dear Cousin Doris:—I am a reader of the Children's Corner in the Canadian Thresherman and Farmer, and I find the letters very interesting. I am twelve years old and I am in Grade 6.

During the last few days we have had a lovely rain, but everything is getting dry again.

Last summer I had a garden of my own at home, and I also had one at school.

In the garden at home I planted potatoes, peas, beans, carrots, turnips and cabbage. In my school garden I had potatoes, beets, lettuce, radish and onions. The vegetables were very good considering the amount of rain we had, as the summer weather was very dry.

This year I also intend to have a garden, but a much larger one.

How many of the girls like cooking? I do for one. I am enclosing a recipe for cream cake: 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs beaten, 1 cup sweet cream, 2 cups flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon flavoring, pinch salt. Bake in moderate oven.

As I am very fond of cooking I would be pleased to exchange recipes with any of the members. If they would please write first.

Well, as my letter is getting kind of long, I guess I will close for this time.

Wishing the club every success, and hoping to see my letter in print.

Alice Neiles, Box 37.

Clanwilliam, Man., May 18, 1918.  
Dear Cousin Doris:—As I was reading in the Canadian Thresherman and Farmer I happened to see that the one who wrote the best letter would get two dollars, so I will try and see what kind of luck I get.

It has just been raining, and lightning and thundering, it has been raining several times this year.

On the 11th of May there was much snowing and an awful wind in the afternoon with the snow.

On the 10th of May we took our gopher tails to school, and got 2 cents apiece for them. One of the boys, a neighbour of our's, caught 58 gophers and he had the most in the school.

Last year the same boy got one dollar for his gopher tails.

I belong to the Pathfinder's Club too, but have not written to it for a long time.

We had a calf lost for a while, and as I was coming home from school one night I found it on the road and brought it home.

We have a lake near our place where we skate in the winter and have lots of fun. In the summer we have a picnic by the lake which is on our farm and on our neighbors, but they have the picnic on our side.

I live on a farm where I have lived since I was born, and like it very much. I have a sister married, and who lives on a farm too with her husband and two children, she used to live in Winnipeg, where she liked it fine. I go and stay with my sister in the summer and have a lot of fun sometimes. They have a lake near their house where they water the cattle and horses. I got first prize

for sewing once from my school teacher, I have got the prize at yet which was a story book.

We had a concert for the Red Cross this winter. The concert was so good that they were going to show it again but a sickness came. They showed it at the city instead. My letter is getting long so I will close. Hoping to be a lucky winner.—Yours truly,

Martine Neilson.

Hope Hill, Sask., May 10th, 1918.  
Dear Cousin Doris:—I have often seen the letters in the paper that the boys and girls have written. So I thought I would write and see if I could win the reward of \$2.00 you are giving away to a boy or girl. I am not very good at writing letters, but I will do my best. I am a farmer's daughter, and have lived on a farm all my life, so I know quite a bit about the farm.

I will tell you how I planted and worked my garden last year. I had a flower garden at home and one at the school.

A man came and plowed the garden and then we took rakes and shovels and made the ground fine. We then made small plots for each pupil and then each worked his or her own.

The boys had vegetables and the girls had flowers, but neither were very good.

I go to school every day. I have two milks and a half to go, but we drive a horse now. I am in the eighth grade and am going to try my entrance in June.

How many of you girls like horseback riding. I think it is fine fun. In summer when the men are all busy I go for the cattle. We milk 12 cows in the summer and we have about 40 head.

We have 20 horses and had one little colt but it died after it was nearly a year old. We called it "Nellie."

I have only one sister besides myself, and she is 6 years old, but I have eight brothers, of which two are at the war. One is in France and the other is in Regina yet.

Well my letter is growing long. I will close now, hoping to have good luck. I remain, your loving friend,

Frances Stevenson.

Lougheed, Alberta, May 26th, 1918.  
Dear Cousin Doris:—Every month I read the letters of our corner and I have at last made up my mind to write to you.

I was working on the land for eight days this spring. We have a 13-30 Rumely Oil Pull outfit, and Daddy plowed with it while I packed and harrowed.

I am twelve years old and in grade eight at school. We had no school up to the sixth of May, so I won't be able to try my examinations this June.

We have four horses, twenty-three head of cattle and no pigs. We have three little calves. Their names are Boadicea, Tony and General Joffre. Boadicea is aunt to the other two.

I have no brothers and my only sister is seventeen.

We are having very nasty weather here this spring. We have had three snowstorms in the last week. We have had very few fine warm days and a great deal of wind.

We have all our garden in but the potatoes. Nothing is up yet. We had some very hard frosts this last week. All the trees are frozen. We school children planted a flower garden at school, but it is not up yet. We need rain badly. Our school is called Goose Creek, after the creek just below it. I have about half a mile to walk.

I belong to "The Pathfinders' Club" in "The Winnipeg Free Press." I have had over six letters printed and got two correspondents. I am very fond of writing and reading. My favorite authors are "Gene Stratton Porter," "L. M. Montgomery," and "Jack London."

My sister took a calf to Calgary Baby Beef Show last winter, and got third prize. I took one to the Edmonton Calf Feeding Contest, but got nothing. There were fifteen prizes offered and I came sixteenth.

We have several hens sitting. Some of them ought to hatch to-morrow. We will have some little ducks this year if all the eggs aren't added. I look after the brooding hens now and when they

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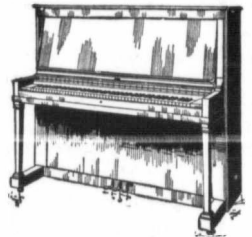
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