

From Mary Big Crow, Sarcee Home, to Miss Gertrude Millen, Hamilton.

"Thank you much for your kind letter, and it is so kind of you to write to me, it gave me great pleasure when I read it, and to know that you are same age. I don't know when my birthday comes, because Indian don't keep their birthdays, but perhaps you know I am fourteen years of age, and I not too tall nor too short for my age, and I hope you are the same, and I am not a thin girl. My father lives in West Camp, and it is five miles away from where I am live, and he don't often come to see us except when he really want to see us, and we had large house and a stable, and we lots horses, twelve cows, he had six cows and his wife had six cows. I had one brother, one sister, and one step-sister, and one big sister, my father's own daughter, but she is not my own sister, her mother is my mother's sister, and my father used to have two wives when I was a little girl before I came into school, but they are both dead. I got lots of cousins, but I like for very much, their names are Annie, Mary, David, John, and their father's name is One Spot. The Indian are getting to be quite civilized, the young women wear waist and skirt, and some of them got upstairs, and chicken and pigs and cows, besides they got lots of nags."

Extracts from Miss Lillian Millen's letter, written from Edmonton.

"From Fort William to Winnipeg, the railway traverses a wild broken region with rapid rivers and many lakes, but containing many valuable forests. There are many farms continuously appearing beyond Poplar Point. The line of trees not far away marks the course of Assiniboine River, which the railway follows for 130 miles. Portage La Prairie, on Ass. River, is one of the principal grain markets in the Province. It has large mills and grain elevators. Between there and Brandon there are many busy towns—Qu'Appelle, a great stopping point, also a post of the H.B.Co. There are several Indian Reserves and an important Indian Mission and School. For eight miles beyond Qu'Appelle Station the country is somewhat wooded, and then we enter the great Regina Plain. It is a beautiful place and is known as the park country. Moose Jaw is a railway divisional point, and a very busy town; there are a number of Cree Indians seen here. Gleichen, where there is the Blackfoot Reserve; the Rockies come in full view,