

and get more to join me. There is lots of work here for everybody who comes, and I am supporting my family now by what I earn.

Well, now, I must finish and go to work. Many thanks for your kindness.

Yours respectfully,

Lewis A. Graham.

THE PLACE FOR A POOR MAN.

Alameda, N. W. T., Canada, Dec. 22nd, 1899.

Mr. B. Davies,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir,—As I promised you about two years ago that at some future time I would let you know what I thought of Western Canada and the chances of a poor man making a start and supporting a family at some time, so will write a few facts concerning my own experience the past 21 months and what I have done, any able bodied man can do, provided he will work.

I left Traverse country, March 20th, 1898, landed in Alameda at noon the 21st., with \$3.55 in my pocket, a stranger and among strangers, and when my family came in Oct., 1898, my wife had nearly \$10, or barely enough to pay freight on her stove, sewing-machine and clothes and beds. I commenced work March 28th, also made entry for homestead same day (the man I started work for loaning me \$15 to pay entrance fee) and I have earned or at least received, \$478.10 in wages since then, and have been idle at least 2 months of the 31 since I came. The homestead I took had 12 acres broke by a former occupant. I paid \$20 to have it replowed in July '98, and the seed wheat for it cost me \$8.25. I let it to a neighbor for $\frac{1}{2}$ in elevator clear of all expense except the seed, and this fall I received \$70.10 for my part of the crops off of the 12 acres, so my total receipts the past 21 months has been \$548.10 and my expenses besides living for self and family have been as follows :

Entrance fee (\$5.00 being paid for cancellation).	\$15.00
Summer fallowing 12 acres.....	20.00
Seed for same.....	8.25
Cost of house, besides my own labor on same...	75.85
20 acres of breaking and double discing same...	60.00

	\$179.10
My half of wheat.....	70.10

Net expense on homestead..... \$109.00