

Well, I believe I have answered all the questions. You say that you will be up here about the first of April. I wish you could come about the 20th of this month, for if the weather stays like it has been for the last three days for a few days longer, there will not be any sleighing. The snow is going very fast. My cattle go out in the morning and stay out all day; get all the water and feed they want, and are doing well. I do not think you can miss it by coming at the earliest opportunity. Well, let me know what day you will leave home, and I will meet you at Bowden. I have maps and prices of railroad land and can show the country for 20 miles around.

I remain, as ever,

Yours respectfully,

H. F. Powell.

Lewisville, Alberta, October 20th, 1897.

C. J. Broughton, Esq., Canadian Government

Land Agent, Chicago.

Dear Sir,—Your favor of October 4th received, asking how I liked Alberta, and if I was pleased or disappointed in the move I made when I left Minnesota and moved to Alberta. In answer to which I will say we are well pleased. I don't know what a man could ask for any better. We have the best of soil, a black loam. In proof of which, I will cite an instance. Houchier brothers, who live two miles east of my farm, just threshed 1,000 bushels of wheat from twenty acres and sold the same for 60 cents per bushel. Mr. Wigg, one and a half miles south of me, has just harvested 350 bushels of as fine potatoes as you ever saw off one acre of ground. Oats have gone this year from 45 bushels as high as 104 bushels to the acre, and will weigh 42 lbs. to the bushel. I don't think there is a country can beat us raising roots. We just put 175 head of cabbage in the cellar that weigh from 8 to 23 lbs, any amount from 18 to 21 lbs. Turnips grow without end; we raise them that weigh 8 lbs. for flat, and Swede turnips grow to most any size. Where is the country that can beat that soil? The beauty of it is we get 160 acres for nothing, just by living on it and working it for three years. The government gives us the timber to put up our buildings with, which makes the warmest of houses. We keep house plants the year round. Keep warm by wood that we get just for the drawing of it. I think we have the best country in the world for stock. I have never seen anything that could compare with it. Plenty of free range, where cattle can roam with feed up to their eyes. We shelter and house our stock as a rule, 100 head being about the profitable