

No. 46.—JOHN MACDONALD, a tailor by trade.

Family.—Wife and one child two years old. Sister Barbara was at Birtle. Received letter from her but no money. Received wages, \$6 a month. Now near Solsgirth with Mrs. Rideout. Donald, a cousin, works at Neepawa. Complains of small wages, gets \$30 a month and pays \$15 board. Has had four months' work.

Breaking.—Has about nine acres broken.

House.—Walls are nearly completed; is now engaged in finishing.

Stable.—Nothing done.

Well.—Well 17 feet deep and five feet of water; covered over and trap door constructed.

Stock.—Oxen all right, also cow. No calf.

Complaint.—No calf with cow. Claims one.

General.—Wants shoes and winter clothing for himself and family. Likes the country pretty well, but says his wife is very home-sick.

No. 47.—JOHN McIVOR.

Was seven years at York factory in the Hudson's Bay Company.

Family.—Wife; son 23, another of 15, and daughter of 12. Son, John, will give security if allowed to take S.W. quarter. Donald, another son, with McLeod at Killarney. Came up last year. Isabella, at home sick. Murdo, a son, at home.

Breaking.—Two acres.

House.—Plastered outside; turf ready for roof.

Stable.—Very good. Divided into stalls and drains cut.

Stock.—All right. One cow, bought another for himself. Has calf. Has yoke of oxen.

Well.—18 feet deep; contains 2½ feet of water.

Hay.—10 tons in stack.

Labour.—Either he or his son will go to work on railway on Thursday.

No. 48.—KENNETH McLEOD.

Young man with no family. Has two partners who send him nothing. One of them, Donald Gillies, writes occasionally but sends no money. Says Donald will return soon and let him go away to work.

Breaking.—10 acres. Says it took him a month to do it.

House.—Cost \$71 75c. Done nothing to it for the winter.

Well.—20 feet deep; only contains six inches of water.

Stables.—Walls partly completed of turf.

Stock.—One cow; calf dead.

Hay.—11 tons. Cut with mower. Repaid use of machine with three days' labour.

General.—Likes the country. Wants N.E. quarter kept for friend in Scotland. Says did not go to work as not ready. Was helping Mitchell. Says he has only done two months' work for himself in all. Complains of the effect of the prairie fire, which has done a great deal of damage. This man was first located upon N. half section 22. He thought it not good enough and refused it. An English settler has now taken it up and erected a house costing \$900. Was urged to go to work. Agreed to go to the dump on Friday next the 9th instant.

No. 49.—DONALD McLEOD.

Donald McIvor, son of 47, came out with 49 and has gone to Killarney.

Breaking.—One acre.

House.—Is erecting Red River frame house. Is living in tent.

Well.—20 feet deep. A fair supply of water.

Hay.—About eight tons; has fenced it in.

Labour.—Was absent when we visited place. Left note for him to come in to work, which he accordingly did.