

GEORGE WHITELOCK OF OLDS, ALBERTA

The following letter was sent in by Fay Bailey and I thought it made very interesting reading. The letter is written in a beautiful script but has little or no punctuation. The "Son and Daughter" the letter is addressed to are Freeman & Emma (Whitelock) Foster and the original was found in the belongings of Emma's daughter, Gertrude (Foster) (Allin) Taylor who died last March.

Olds, June 18, 1893

Dear Son & Daughter

I now take the pleasure of writing a few lines to you hoping they will find you both well as they leave us all well at present we received your letter and was glad to hear from you but we were sorry to hear that you had such bad luck as to loss your Baby. now I must tell you we have got moved to our new home and we all like it well here it is a fine Country plenty of grass, and our grain is looking well we get fine growing showers here and we have plenty of wood within half a mile it is as fine a Country as ontario I like it quite as well and I can do a great deal better here then I could in ontario when I get a start but it takes a lot of money to start with. you was saying in your letter that you was coming out here if you intend to come here the sooner you come the better for the land round us will soon be taken up for I expect they will be a great rush in here next spring we have no neighbours yet any Closer then two miles if you were here you might get work attending the stone masons in Calgary the wages are \$2.50 a day and if Emma was to work out she could get from \$15 to \$20 Dollars a month. there is a woman that is working out by the day in Calgary she gets one Dollar a day wages are good for women you can live just about as cheap here as in ontario but Clothing is dearer if you come here you Mother wants you to bring some Toweling for her she wants to know what the best Toweling is a yard you are to send her word when you write again now I must tell you I dont think we shall have much fruit here on account of the fire running through here two years ago. but here is plenty of wild strawberries in bloom now you mother and Bessie sends there kind love to you and she is greatly oblige to you for the flower seeds and dried pumpkins she would have sent you some saskatoons but they are left behind they were overloaded and had to leave a lot of things on the road so she cannot send you any this time Bessie has sent you a few prairie flowers she thought you would like to see them now I must bring my letter to a close so no more at present from your affectionate Father. George Whitelock Olds. P.O. Alta, N.W.T. your mother has been here two weeks last Friday

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