

## CANADA LETTER.

Una, P. O., Sask., Canada.

Mr. Editor:

Thinking it might interest you and some of the readers to hear from this part of the world, I made up my mind to write a few lines.

Most of the people in this neighborhood come from the vicinity of Hannaford, Walum and Dazey and as most of us were acquainted from Dakota it makes everybody more sociable than if we were all strangers. We are located in Surprise Valley which lies only 30 miles north of the Montana line. Moosejaw, a city having a population of 1500, is our nearest market. It is located on the Soo line and lies 75 miles due north of here. We also do a good deal of our trading at Lang, a station about the same distance to the east of us. We expect the railroad through here in the near future as they have a proposed line surveyed through here from Weyburn to Lethbridge a distance of 400 miles. Farming is not practiced here to any great extent but what there is seeded is looking fine, the weather having been very favorable for crop conditions so far. The soil here is a good deal heavier than it is around Hannaford. Further in toward the Soo line where the soil is cultivated the farmers say they have experienced some very heavy yields, and crop prospects are better than ever this year.

When the road comes through, this country will be opened up in great shape. The Pre-emption Law has also passed and by next fall we all expect to have another quarter section which makes us owner of one-half section of good Canadian lands and that is not bad in so short a time.

I have discovered that homesteading and baching it so far from town is not such hardship as it might be. Mr. Stover from Dazey, N. D., has started a general store where we can get all the necessaries at a reasonable price. We get our mail delivered out here regularly once every week. Our fuel, such as wood and coal, we get from along the bluffs of Willow Bunch Lake which lies about four miles to the west of us. As for amusements we have all kinds of sports here such as hunting, trapping, fishing, etc. We have a base ball team which is the best ever and beats everything in the country. The young ladies around here have started a Literary Society which is doing very nicely, and the Una Cornet Band, consisting of 15 pieces, helps to make things lively.

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