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Dear Fred:

I received your long letter some time ago. Has glad to hear all the news. Glad also to get some returns from Lovestoft. I thought perhaps the rabbit had eaten up all the dough. It is too bad about Bob being such a self-made fool, - the worst kind of fool. I sometimes wonder if he blames the Almighty for lots of his misfortunes. It is easy for a fellow to get side-tracked in that folly - and it generally wrecks a man. I was at a Fair yesterday - and saw them pulling with the old stags. They drive with a lead in the end of a stick about three feet long. They either lead or hit with the stick. Some use a kind of a horse whip. It is a flat drag with about two or three ton of granite rock on it, pulling on gravel or dirt. But they start them with a rush, and roar at them like mad men. When ever I see them I think of Paddy and Dragon you used to have. - and could speak to them easy, they would pull a barn down. The old stags here pull too much with the bottom of their necks, instead of the back of the neck. They had some fat Herefords about a year old, weighing about a 1000 pounds. They sold one for 26 pence a pound, live weight. I don't know what the butcher would make out of him. He brought \$ 86 doll's. - about 96 pounds English money. Others about as good were sold for half of that amount. I suppose it is for advertising. Beef steak is worth two shillings a pound here generally. Lamb is worth about the same. They don't eat many grown sheep - nearly all lambs - three months to a year old. They don't jump horses at the Fairs here. The trotting horses are generally good. Trot a mile in 2 minutes 14 seconds.

They don't gallop here with race horses. Canada is like Australia - it breeds the fallowes. The horses are good sport - but gambling has spoiled the sport. How Doctor hated the racing. But if it were not for gambling it is good sport. They bust them here in winter on frozen lakes and ponds.

The ice freezes two feet deep. They use it little sleighs - no wheels - it just glides. It only weighs about a 100 lbs. Alf has quite a long pull putting all his children through school. - and the end is not yet. He is going to make horse doctors of the boys. I think I'd rather have a farm of jumbucks. - let some one else doctor sick cows and mules. It is too cold in Doornie for sheep on a large scale - They need to bust them at night.

Most of our meat here comes from the Western States.

They fatten them on whole corn. It seems strange way to feed them. But the beef is good. Percy and Harry's father must be crawling up in years now. If their old man had given them a little more dough when they were boys they would have thought a lot more of him this life.

It would have been better for them than getting a great big lot when he passed on. Today boys and girls want everything that is going. And I don't think it is developing them very much. We seem to have a rising generation of Jack-asses, who smoke cigarettes and drive a car and don't care much for anything else. Europe seems to be walking pretty close to gun-powder. It is apt to explode.

Well, Fred, I hope you are well, and Jonie and the brood.

Love to all from all.  
Your ever Albert.