

2327 Epworth St., Victoria, B. C.,
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Dear Tom and Jen,-

Well, here it is the first of September, with School just around the corner. Barry arrived yesterday, and we sure were glad to see him. He had a nice trip, with the Duncan Herberts, taking six days, as they visited along the way.

I can just imagine how busy you have been, getting ready for the wedding. My, I hope you get nice weather for it; it usually is nice around the beginning of September. Then Raymond's is on the 18th. The young birds are beginning to fly. I wonder which will be the next?

We have been here three weeks, today, and I do like it. Today is so lovely and warm, and I just feel that I want to stay here for the rest of my days, and I likely will, if I can make a go of it. I have been working two weeks, or rather am on my second week -- just temporary, relieving, in the Chief Inspector of Mines office. I'd like to get on permanent, in the Buildings, but they don't take on women over forty, on account of the superannuation., for permanent positions. But anyway, I'm starting in a Law Office, next week, at \$125.00, so if I don't find it too hard going, will be all set. Wages are good, and I could have taken other jobs, too. I've bought a house, just three blocks from Dot's, and we can have possession shortly after the 15th. It is quite nice, and I will be glad to get settled again. The children will take their lunch to school, as they just get an hour, and I will stay down-town; they will be going to the Willows School, where Dot's boys go.

Bonnie has been having a nice time, and likes it here. We have had several little trips out in the country, and it certainly is lovely -- stole some plums and apples, and of course the bramble-berries

are there for whoever wants to pick them. We didn't really steal, as these were trees which were alone and the fruit was just falling off.

We have seen Mrs. Mitchell several times. She is a very nice lady. Also old friends from Prince Albert and Tisdale. The Moores were over for supper the other night, and the Mallinsons another.

I should tell you about my little house. It is white on the outside, and is on a corner lot, flight of red steps leading up to the front door. There are two bed-rooms, living and dining rooms, and kitchen and bath. Nice fire-place in the front-room, and it is nice and clean throughout. I snapped it up, on account of it being near to Dot's, as the kids can play over there till I get home, after work, and she can keep an eye on things. I can get a girl in once a week, and Dot is going to go over when she is there, to more or less keep her going. The children are big enough to help, so we will get along fine, if we keep well. Property is very high, but so are rents, so in the long run I will be just as far ahead, by buying now, and there is nothing like having your own home.

I am glad to hear that fishing has been good, this summer. You will be on the second part for the season. By now the Red Earth job will be nearly finished. Will you have to leave the dragline there till freeze-up? I suppose the water is still high, after the floods. You will be busy, as usual, with the various enterprises. How about South Indian? Have they re-classified it as an A Lake?

Well, I thought this was going to be a longer letter, but my lunch-time is just up, so I will have to get back to work. It is lovely in this office, nice people and quiet. Sheila will know the new building, back of the Buildings.

Say Hello to all the kids. Best love to all.

Sheila