

## Early Years Trivia

### Farm Costs

Land prices in Manitoba varied from \$3 to \$12 and up an acre for unimproved land. The price depended largely on location with respect to railways, towns, timber and water resources. Below are the various costs associated with starting a farm in Western Canada, circa 1910.

1 team horses .....	\$400.00
1 set harness .....	\$40.00
1 wagon .....	\$80.00
1 sleigh .....	\$35.00
1 plow .....	\$28.00
1 set harrows .....	\$35.00
1 set disk harrows .....	\$35.00
1 seeder .....	\$85.00
1 mower & rake .....	\$95.00
1 reaper & binder .....	\$170.00
other implements .....	\$75.00
4 cows .....	\$160.00
4 pigs .....	\$15.00
4 good sheep .....	\$20.00
poultry .....	\$10.00

### *Farm development done by contract work:*

- Breaking - Three inches deep, \$3.00 per acre.
- Harrowing - Each operation, \$0.35 per acre.
- Disking - Three times, \$1.50 per acre.
- Seeding - \$0.60 per acre, not including seed.
- Fencing - Three wires, \$100.00 to \$125.00 per mile.
- Boring Wells - Using steel casing, \$2.25 to \$3 a foot.

Farm Labour - Harvest and threshing wages ranged from \$1.75 to \$2.50 a day or \$35 to \$45 a month.

### *Cost to Build:*

Six room house .....	\$700.00
A stable to accommodate 6 horses .....	\$200.00
A cow shed to accommodate 8 head .....	\$400.00
Implement Shed .....	\$100.00
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### Postal Rates & Services

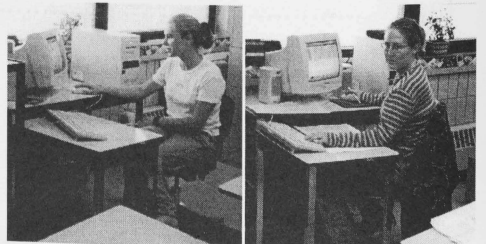
#### *First Class Letters - 1910*

Canada, Mexico & the U.S.A.	\$ .02 per ounce or fraction thereof
United Kingdom & British Possessions	\$ .02 per 1/2 ounce or fraction thereof
Other Postal Union Countries	\$ .05 first ounce, \$.03 for each subsequent ounce or fraction thereof
"Drop Letters" - Local delivery in Canadian cities and towns	\$ .01 per ounce

#### *Parcel Post*

To Hong Kong	\$ .16 first pound, \$.12 for each pound thereafter
To Newfoundland	\$ .15 per pound
To New Zealand	\$ .24 per pound
To United Kingdom	\$ .12 per pound
Within Canada and the United States	\$ .01 per ounce or fraction thereof

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