

Chester Hospital  
Mental Males.

26/11/39

Dear Geoff & Susan,

Letters are taking about three weeks to come now, so I better wish you a Merry Christmas, & the rest of the Christmas dinner party.

The holly is loaded with red berries even to the young plantation, they say it is a sign that we are going to have a very hard winter. Get the children whatever you think they would like up to \$10, I expect there will be some money for me that you will have from the crop.

I sent in a application to the committee for my release so far I have not had any answer, but if they hold me I will consider it is my part of war service for the Empire & that we all have to do our duty whether we get paid or not.

The subscription for the Free Press runs out January 9<sup>th</sup> 1940.

The new V Ford from the picture looked

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to have very strong wheels, what is the  
price of them at Kennedy now?

The hospital cannot get dry batteries for the  
wireless now, yet they are on order, I do not  
know why they do not run them from the  
lights, as there must be 200 sets, here they  
do not have to have a license, so now  
we do not get the news, we were getting it  
at 8 AM 1 PM & 6 PM.

In the paper it said 100 mounted Police went  
to Estevan on account of the coal mine  
strike, that town was straight East from  
Weyburn about 35 miles.

I got two Free Presses yesterday.

There has been a heavy toll on shipping in  
the last week.

One man from here has gone to the  
bad lightship as quarter master there are  
8 on the ship, & they are there two weeks  
at a time he had three booted killed  
in the last war, he lives in Birkenhead.  
he is in the working class for the  
Mersey Dock & Harbour board, & before was  
working with divers clearing wrecks &  
building in water, he got blood poisoning  
that took the end of one finger.

The wheat is just coming through the ground & has a very good start, with the ground being in perfect condition.

There is a man here making a bee hive like this  divided into two houses, it looks quite neat he has never seen one before so I was able to tell him a little, he was making it from reading a bee keeping book. It is very windy today, & have had a lot of rain in the past week.

I expect you will have a foot of snow by this time judging from the rainfall we have had.

Mother is coming Wednesday morning as in the afternoon it is dark soon after 4 o'clock on a dull day, although just now it is very moon light.

Bicycles all have there own generator & lights driven from the back wheel now which is quite a good feature, rather like the wind charger, only it is

driven from the tyre as a belt, some stop when the wheel stops turning, others have a battery.

I would think the Saskatchewan surveyors are not busy, & should move the dry belt into the same townships & positions further North is along the New Churchill airer, & so settle the more fertile land, & give them the land at the same rate as homesteads, using two numbers for each quarter in memory of what has happened.

From your

Loving brother

Brian.

It is better to give the land to British than to let foreign people get it, who in time will cause trouble to the British ruling.



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