

Chester Mental Hospital
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July 14th 1939.

Dear Geoff & Susan.

In the paper it said wheat in Liverpool was the lowest since Queen Elizabeth's Reign 300 years ago, yet it is not that low in Canada as when the rate of exchange went to \$3.25

It now seems that the government set price will be a help to the farmer, & it will stop gambling with wheat that belongs to the farmer. A threshing machine 28" that you said costs \$1435 allowing \$500 off for the old one makes a total of \$935 or if Bob is paying half would cost us \$718 (less \$500 for the old one) making a total cash payment of \$218.00 or a final way is to each pay half of the cash, us giving the old machine as well which would then cost us half of \$935 = \$468, & on that I expect they would allow three years to pay for it.

If you make a deal make sure they do not charge the interest twice, & have it included in the payments, as that is what happened with the last one, unless you

remembered to deduct it on the final payment after I left.

Even if we buy it ourselves the yearly payments would not amount to very much, & might be cheaper than risking breaks on the old one.

Bob will likely do most of his threshing with the combine, about all he would need would be new chains, I would think the combine would have a good trade value on a new one, which would be lighter & would mount a hill with 60 bushels of wheat.

You would think the warehouses would have lots of demonstrated used machines that they would sell at quite a reduction. I would think it would be worth going to Regina fair to get what you want.

Capt & Mrs Cox came to see me last Wednesday, they brought me some strawberries, they expect Dorothy to land at Montreal on Tuesday.

Mrs Cox looked very well seeing that she has been ill all winter!

They expect to stay in Meols six weeks until Mr Biggerstaff goes on his holidays.

they keep a maid.

In the paper it said Germany would have a good crop 5 quarters to the acre last year they had 3 quarters to the acre.

The crops around here are about average one field is very waxy, & the oats look rank as though they would be mostly straw, I expect it is an old type of seed.

England has just bought 200,000 tons of Rumanian wheat, I do not know why they do not buy British Empire wheat, when Canada will sell at grain exchange prices that is less than they are paying their own farmers, in fact as cheap as they can get it any where in the world.

Last night they had a black out, it was just like armistice day at midnight with the sirens going, the hospital lights were put out.

Some heard aeroplanes flying round, I did not hear them, although we see a lot in the day time & the red lights at night from them.

from your
A consolidated aeroplane being broken has just landed from U.S.A. the wireless said Brian flying in 15 below zero @ 13,000 ft 4 men on board time ^{15 min} _{around}

Cheapest Wheat Since 1592!

HUGE CANADIAN & ARGENTINE SURPLUSES CAUSE SLUMP

The price of wheat on the Liverpool Exchange today fell to the lowest point at which it has been sold in England since 1592. Later the market recovered a little.

The actual price obtained was 3s. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., which was fractionally worse than the 3s. 8d. recorded in the financial crisis in September, 1931, for the October contract.

The cause of today's slump is the huge prospective Canadian surplus and the near-record glut in the Argentine.

Wheat prices (writes the City Editor of the London Evening Standard) have been steadily declining over the past two years, owing to the expanding world supplies. In 1937 the price of wheat on Liverpool market was up to 10s. 8d. per 100lb. During the past twelve months the world has grown the largest wheat crop in history. Probably it is a fifth greater than that of the previous year.

A meeting is now being held in London, at the offices of the Wheat Advisory Council, between the delegates of the four graded wheat growing countries to prepare for the calling of an international conference to control world production of wheat.

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