L Dodds, Jr

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Dear Mr Sebolie

I am alone this afternoon so thought I would write you. Hope you are much better than when you wrote & that you have not too many cares. Elsie and I were in Toronto Easter week and while there met Uncle Willis Duncan and his wife and their daughter Joe. (Lottie's half sister) I also had a letter from Lottie a short time ago she may come to see us before long. They told me

in Toronto that Lottie was not
very well and is not contented
her present husband is very
kind to her & to her children
& supplies her very liberally
with money her Father says
he dont know what more she
wants but she is not happy.
perhaps it is her health
hope she comes over & I will
find out what is wrong to
my mind second marriages
are not always a blessing.
you spoke of this awful war
Amy but I do wish it was over
so many have gone from here
and sad news has come to
several homes around us

my son has enlisted and is
now in Edmonton training
in R. C. R class of 202 Sportsmen
Battallion His little family
may come to us dear knot-
one get. This was means so
much to us all I have been
knitting & sewing for soldiers
for over a year We have done
without so much to buy yarn
to knit, I feel that I cannot do
as much if the war still keeps
up the cost of living too has
advanced I also give one afternoon
a week to Red cross work making
shirts Hospital supplies etc &
will still do all I possibly can
We have 800 soldiers in camp

here for the summer poor
fellows when I see them on
parade I wonder how many
will return from the front.
You asked me what I thought
of the North-west as a place
to live. I do not think much
of it to live in at present
time it may be alright
later there are great possibilities
out there but the great boom
they have had was not the
best thing for its future &
when I was there the depression
was very great & I saw so much
financial distress that I was
very glad that I had not gone
to stay The cities Winnipeg Moose-

-faw Edmonton & Saskatoon all
seemed to be hard hit & lots
of people in the country too
were leaving for U.S.A.
I enjoyed the trip very much
and would like to go again
I did not see B.C I think I
should like it better as you
have fruit in abundance
there. I am sorry so many of
your old friends have passed
away too bad that we have
to grow old I too am growing
old will be 60 in september
I am well & cannot realize
it. Have you had the
expected visit from J. & I
hope so. How well I remember

him as a young man when he lived with Grand Mother and Uncle B- on the old place. Please write when you can will be so pleased to hear from you

Yours truly

Clara Dodds