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CAMP JUST LIKE HOME

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My Dear Bill.

I know that you thought that i was either dead or had left this country but I, am still here in Whitehorse doing buisness on the same old stand. you pass through my mind lots of times and will say to my self or Mrs i must write Bill a letter. and when your nice Xmas card come it woke me up againe. so here ~~De~~ really writeing you a letter. i have done many things since you last herd from me. but have always managed to handle from one to three hunting parties each season. last season i only had one party. but i could of had seven or eight parties if i could of handled them. but i arranged with two parties and a party name Hoover from unientown Pa who was to start up here on trip got pinched by the federal Government for Disstillng whisky so he and a friend could not come on trip. so i got knocked out a couple of Thousand my his misfortune as it was to late then to clese with some other party. so i had 16 head of big fat horses runing loose on the range with nothing to do. but i had another party of three?, Dr Deason and two friends from Chicago. the Dr steroy will come out in March and April issues of Outdoor Life so you can read about the trip. for the comeing season i think that i will have about three parties one for spring bear hunt. party name Jesse Monree and friend from Bronson Mich. and on fall trips H.O. Harrison is comeing back againe makeing his fourth trip with me. there will be three friends with him makeing four in party. he was over in Africa hunting last year and while ever there he meet a sport that treated him well while there. so he has asked him over to this country to hunt with him. and there will be two San Francisco friends with him makeing four in party. not sure yet but think the other party will be from New York two in party. so it will make a very busy season for me.

Well now Bill i must tell you about my movements since you last herd from me. Nov. 22th. 1925. i bought out a silver black fox ranch ever at Carcross 10 pair of foxes moved the fox over to Whitehorse then tore down the ranch and moved it over and rebuildt it out ne my ranch on the edge of town got it finished on Jan. 15th. 1926. then started to build a new house clost to fox pens buildt it out of Hewd logs with shingle room got the house finished on Dec 12th. 1926. but it is some house six rooms all large rooms two bed rooms and ketchen are 14X14 bath room 10 X 10 liveing and dinning 28 ft X 7 inches by 17 X 2 inches. with large frount porch and big back perch with a big basement and furnich room. so you can see it is some house it is the largest house in or around Whitehorse.

We did not have any luck with the fox the past season as we were working on the house all the time and foxes are very nervious animals but we had two litters of pups one with four and one with three but the mother of the litter with four killed them. she was then much more nervious and she tore a hole thru the wire and got out jump the guard fence and get away and we never caught her up to date. so there went at least \$1200 we then had another female die. and the mail kill another female so away went \$600. so you se we had very bad luck with the foxes our first year, but we raised the other three pups and they were all mails. so this fall i traded them for three females so we just broke even with our live stock. but we hope.

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To have better^{luck} the coming season and raise a bunch of pups, with buying the fox ranch and building of the house broke me as the outfit stands us around \$10,000. but if we have any kind of luck with the foxes and raise a bunch of pups we will soon get our money back.

I have now nearly all new horses to you have about 10 head of the ones that i had when you were up here left, but Buck is still alive and i have keep him and his mate in the barn all winter eating their head off with nothing to do, was out moose hunting twice in the early fall and that is all the work that they have done all winter, but next week I, am going out to round up the other horses and move them onto another range i have them across the river from town, and as i had 16 head across there all summer they have the feed about all eaten off, i have now 38 head of horses and you see it take a big range for that many horses, we have had a very cold winter up to date for the past 10 days it has stayed around 40 below Zero but there is not much snow on the ground only about 8 inches, but that is enough snow.

Well Bill i will now tell you all of the news, last May 18th, Old Mrs. Beauchamp died out at bear creek with cancer, Sherty Chambers has Cancer in his stomach but he is still alive but he is to mean to die, on 6th. of this month Bill Armstrong died with with liver trouble, had a letter from Mike Knowles a short time ago and he is over out of Valdeze Alaska and has a Gold mine and he hopes to get rich before long, hope that he does as mike is a fine fellow, big Bill Cernie is still up in the mining camp Mayo, Roy Churchill, is in Livenston creek, Pete Draper is out around B.C. some where, Johnie Frazer, is out around Champaine he had not worked for me the year that you were up here, the Jacquett Bros are out at Kluane Lake both of them have Squaws now, so you know the rest.

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I got the new truck all right but got a Ford and it is a pippen goes out to bear creek like a scart wolf make it from Whitehorse to bear creek in 10 and 11 hours never have had one bit of trouble with it, so now I, am glad that i got a Ford, I can not think of no more news so will close for this time, Mrs is fine big and fat but she say, s, she is only plump but she is some plumper, James is a big boy now, goes to the Dances and has a sweetie he is crazy on danceing, hope that your famley is all O.K, what did you name the second child, was afraid to say the third one as it might be true as we have not herd from you in so long a time.

I never did hear from Caraway, Graham, or Flarety, since they left from up hear but see by Outdoor Life that Caraway is Guideing hunting parties in Wyo, he must be broke, well good Bye Bill old Boy write againe soon, from your Old Bear Hunting friend.

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