

good shape. I packed the dishes very carefully and haven't unpacked them all yet, but everyone has been whole.

We haven't got the permit for selling the bats yet. A letter came about it just after we left and was sent on to us, asking for the 1943-44 permit book. We had to wait until we got this unpacked, then sent it to them, so I guess sometime the permit will arrive.

How is Kathleen? We are sending her a card too.

Remember us to Mr. and Mrs. Tasted & We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Jessie Alton.

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Dec. 18th, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Tasted:-

I am sorry to have been so long in writing, but was ill with an infection in my nose just after getting to Vancouver and was laid up for some time. In fact, I didn't regain my strength and ambition to write until a few days ago, then I started with the Ontario ones first.

We shipped our car to Mission with the intention of spending the winter at Chilliwack as we couldn't find a place at Mission. Then when I was ill, our nephew Horace Clarke (formerly of Hawarden) took Oscar around a bit, calling to see a former Hawarden resident we knew. This man told him about a brother of Dr. Bryerton living quite near him, so Oscar went to see him and through him found out

weather was grand, sunny and mild.

The grass was green and flowers bloomed everywhere. After that we had quite a lot of rain, but the day was grand when we moved here - three weeks ago to-day.

The last few days we have had fog, which is disagreeable and chilly. There was frost - last week too, which spoils the flowers, but the grass is still green. We heard you were moving into our old home and hope it is true.

How is Trixie, the little dog? Did the black cat - leave after we went away? We have a cat here that stayed with the horse. We wanted it because it looked so much like the one we left. Our primitive, Dickie it came out in

about the place we are now. We have a nice new bungalow - small but modern, and doing having the lights. Bathroom etc. The neighbors are very friendly. We are between the city limits of Vancouver and Paul Westminister, but are nearer the latter city - about ten miles to the main part of Vancouver and about five to the main part of Paul Westminister. We can go to either city by train or bus, neither of which are more than two blocks away.

We have seen a number of our old friends already and others expect to come soon to see us.

We are now at Mission and Chilliwack. I have been only in Vancouver and Paul Westminister.

On a clear day we can see the mountains. Now we arrived the