

1911
machine for working^s in the times when
everything has got to be run very closely
to make it pay.

About my holiday it is a little too
early for me to tell how things are
going to go, but I will tell you just
as soon as I can find out. Of course
I can arrange to spend them with you
and probably can take them to suit
your convenience.

I hardly intended to go as far as Meti
this year but I don't know.

The family are going to let me know
what their plans are in a few days. I
don't know whether to expect any of them
up here or not.

And so my darling we are plugging
along up here - I longing for an early
reward for my work that will make
it possible for me to be married to a
certain dream lady about 1000 miles away,
- Mr. Cooke working away, selling drills
and saving a little money to put into

enlarging ~~to~~ a ⁶ chicken farm which
his wife and two kids are working
somewhere near Winnipeg - and
Cookley the store or ware-house keeper
engaged to a nice girl here and
worrying his heart out because he
can't get enough for two. His girl
plays the organ in church and teaches
the pians at 50 cts per lesson during
the week.

Cookley came the nearest to being
well off ~~of~~ of the bunch of us. In
the early days here before the Mining
Laws were changed a man had
not only to stake a claim and do
a certain amount of work ~~in it~~, but
when the Government Inspector came
around he had to show his vein
and if it did not show any silver
at the time the Inspector passed, the

claim was again thrown open. Well,
Cookley staked a claim and got
some amount of it by hand work
but when the inspector came around
he had temporarily run out of
his vein and the claim was thrown
open. Three times this happened
and finally Charlie had to abandon
his claim and "go to work."

The next man who staked the
same claim after him, sold it on
a good showing, for \$35,000.

Charlie's still working for \$85⁰⁰
a month when otherwise he would have
been making about \$90⁰⁰ more without
doing a tap.

Lie I am going to make a point of
spending a week end in Montreal
one of these times.

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Just now Cooke is in Sudbury and will be there for about a week more then we'll be busy for a week when he comes back, but after that I may be able to take a scoot down.

I am longing to see you. You have got over your hobby for having pictures taken and so I am getting harder up every day — with only 3 imitation loises to console me.

Oh! I meant to tell you
Population of Cobalt. (and neighboring) -- 10,500

Mines paid in dividends ~~last year~~ ~~\$9,000,000~~
last year — \$9,000,000⁰⁰

Value of Silver shipped ~~last year~~ \$15,000,000⁰⁰

That does not sound bad for a small place does it?

The population of Haileybury is given as 5000 people