

Rycroft, Alberta,
March 2nd. 1937.

John Yaremko
Empire Hotel
Jasper Avenue 9657.

Dear John:

We were once more glad to hear from you. We received your letter some time ago for which we wish to thank you gratefully. We are all fine now and hoping you are getting along better everytime. We have a beautiful weather down here now. It's so nice and warm. All the farmers have gone into action. They are real busy hauling wood, ice, lumber, etc. some people buying farms. We hauled all the ice we need & are still hauling some wood. Many farmers are hauling & buying hay & greenfeed including us. Mike Anderson has not returned from his trip yet so John Bzowy (^{unmarried} ~~married~~ one) is hauling wood & hay & ice for him. There are some bad news. Lucy Chabata's little girl 1 1/2 yrs. old died some few weeks ago of a high fever from flu. Also the Rycroft pumpman, ~~John~~ ^{John} Braun committed suicide in his own shack. He shot himself with a .32 calibre rifle on the bed & lit his lighter & set fire to his mattress. He was

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found about an hour later around 2 o'clock
by Jim Ferguson + Mr. Dewinter + Luvchek
when they saw smoke coming from his
shack. The man in thinking he was choked
by the smoke but when they dragged him
out they discovered the gun in one hand + lighter
in other + the bullet hole in his forehead he
was buried in Ryeport Cemetery. No one knows
the cause of this but the R.C.M.P. found
\$300. in his pocket. Lena + Len have come back
to Fairview from their trapping. Len sold his
trapline to a friend of his + now they intend
on farming. They haven't been to see us yet
but we expect them one of these days. Miss
Drapaka (our school teacher whom you used to know)
got married in Vancouver to a Mr. Bay. Since
we hear that Mike Koteko sent you your
love we are listening perhaps you will
play through the radio. We have no
more news to write now but will later
on but perhaps you'd better tell us some
news.

Excuse the
mistake as
I'm in a
hurry
now.

Yours truly
Mike Zahara + family.