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ELKWOOD.

Farmers are now busy stacking their grain; some of them are cutting grain yet.

Mrs. Barron presented her husband with a boy some days ago and George feels happy.

Farmers are wondering how to get their threshing done this fall as there is no threshing machine in this settlement as yet.

Farmers are still engaged putting up hay. Our crops have done fairly this year, especially what was put in on last year's breaking.

Our bachelors have been leaving us by the score for older settlements to seek work during harvest and to get the wherewithal to prepare for the coming of Jack Frost when he shows his old gray and white mustache again. We hope to be ready for him.

Our land here in Townships 162-163-164 of range 59 is not yet surveyed but we are in hopes that it will be sometime during this fall. Range 59 is surveyed now into the timber some way. A party of surveyors staked out the line between this county and Cavileer some days ago.

Readers of the PIONEER-EXPRESS will ask where Elkwood is. Elkwood post office is situated on the Pembina Mountains about three miles east of the line between Pembina and Cavileer counties, and about one and one-quarter miles south from the international boundary line. It is on the mail route from Olga to St. Johns, the last named place being a town at the Turtle Mountains.

Our settlement is now growing steadily and there is now a settler on every quarter section for miles and miles around, and perhaps at some places there will be more than one on the quarter section when the survey comes. Our soil consists of a deep and black rich loam, with an underlayer of clay in most places. Meadow-land is plenty at some places but at others again very scarce. Water is very good and pure in most places but occasionally it is mixed with alkali or iron. No heavy storms or cyclones here yet. Nearly all of our people seem to have good health. We have no doctor nearer than Walhalla and are thankful that we have little need of one. The Presbyterians hold services in the neighborhood every other Sunday. O. M. Lillesater and Joseph Coates have started a general store at Elkwood.

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