

*"I'll take a chance on
as for the kids, I love them"*

"Well, what of it? I like kids. I have 'nt any of my own and am darned lucky to have a ready made family. I won't be taking any chances".

He had other arguments that I need not set down here, but besides his arguments I had to listen to the pleas of the three children, all stoutly for him and working in his interests. Indeed my little girl was a long time firmly convinced that my husband married me because of my children!

Anyway, he won out!

That was eight years ago. I packed all my trunks and my children, gathered all my worldly possessions, and going aboard train, I left behind me the hectic city of New York where for fifteen or sixteen years I had lived and worked.

We went straight out to the Northwest --- Calgary, Alberta.

My husband had been a shipping man—that is to say, he was one of the owners of and managing director of one of the largest of the lighterage firms of New York.

~~He had come from people who had always~~ He had come from people who had always "followed the sea in their youth and finished on the farm". To use a joshing term of his own "He had come from ~~the original cave dwellers of Long Island~~ ~~the original cave dwellers of Long Island~~

"the original cave dwellers of Long Island". His people had lived on Long Island ~~as far back as the family records could go.~~

Now he was transplanting himself, with me and my three children, to "the last of the big lands", which is a term commonly applied to Alberta. He was not going out, however as a tenderfoot. He knew something of farming having been "raised" on a farm, and with a couple of hundred thousand dollars, ~~youth~~ comparative youth, magnificent health, and a brain considerably above the average, to say nothing of a distinct executive gift, he had every reason to believe that he would make a success of ranching—bring to it perhaps ~~business~~ rational business sense which is so deplorably absent from the present day methods of the average farmer.

First of all we bought a 640 acre grain farm about 15 miles from