

Sutton Clay Co. Ont.

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Dear friends

I was at Sutton this
forenoon and have just ^{got} through with
my dinner cards as I intended going to
Geneva this evening thought before I started
I would write you a few lines.

I start for Bowa Thursday morning the
6th will arrive at my destination on Friday
evening - distance nearly four hundred miles
will not be traveling all the time as I expect
to stop in Ottumwa during part of the day
on Friday. Don't know what will be the
day - yet for certain but probably
about Wednesday the 12th - have not set a
day for certain that we will start for Neb.
I will write you the last of the week and
give you more of the particulars.

I have never experienced as fine winter
weather as we have and are having.
So dry and warm so that farmers can plow

crossing
(Crossing over the)

nearly every day if they wish - plows were
running on the last and first of the old and
new years something that I have never seen
before - has been one of the finest winters
for running thrashing machines I ever seen.

Matt and Miriah went to church
yesterday and have not yet
4 miles to the Schoolhouse where the meeting
is - it will probably continue during the
week. Judge Blaine and a Mr. Maservey
is doing the preaching. Mr. Whelan the
Circuit preacher cannot be here as he
is having more work on other parts of the
work than he can do. I must stop as it is
going to be me hurrying to get around as
I have between 90 and 100 miles to ride
and it is now but 15 minutes to two o'clock.
I also want to get around for church if possi-
ble. I will send this and the next letter to you
As ever to all, G. S. Thomas.