

## THE FIDDLER

My name is Ross Taylor and I came from England. My wife, Edna and I have five children and one on the way. We raise pigs, cattle and grow grain. We have settled in a place called Vermillion in the North part of the Prairies in a province called Alberta. They were giving away free land here so we came and built our log home. The ride on the huge ship across the ocean was long and then the train ride across Canada took weeks, but this new land is welcoming many newcomers.

My family and I love music and I taught myself to play the fiddle. I play it for friends after the long days of work on the farm. They dance and sing while I play. It is one of our only forms of entertainment. Music helps pass the long winter nights and we often have dances at the school house in the town and we all play for families to dance and sing. It is a good thing I brought it with me, as it is a long way to stores that would sell them and we don't have much money yet. We grow everything we eat. My wife tends to the garden, while I work on the farm every day. It is hard work, but I think this will be a great place for my children to grow up.