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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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26 Ste Famille St.

June 13th

My own darling Sam,

Your letters of May 6th, 8th, & 11th as well as your draft of May 5th for £60 all came in a few hours ago & of course, needless to say, gave me unlimited pleasure. I at once come to answer so as to enclose Mr. White's last letter - it explains itself & shows you that I have been corresponding with him re the Pension - you will note that you must resign from the N.W.M.P. ere you draw any & that having had no pay

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from that Dept. since you left, your time in S.A. will not count. Knowing that influence may perhaps prove of some benefit, I let you know at once[.] perhaps Lord Strathcona or others may be able to help you. I also want you to give me an idea of the furniture you have in the house - while it may not be much, still it may be a great help in making the house comfortable enough for the year & in the meantime we may be able to get a little ahead

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& have more to go on after we have been together a while. I would much like to be able to purchase the cabinet the Toronto Silver Plate Co. wish to make for me before I go - it is a lovely thing, very complete & handsome. Worth over eight hundred (\$800.00) which they would let me have for half price (\$400.00) - we will need it & being heavy sterling silver would last for very many years. They hope by that means of being able to sell more, as it will be an advertisement for the firm, you see.

It is almost necessary, as our old one would not be suitable for any grand occasion. I have the large carpet we had in our parlour in Macleod. I am going to have it made into two rugs & it is a fine one you know - give me an idea of the size of windows please, so that I

can see about curtains. I have ordered your Cheyenne saddle & will send for one for Flora as you wish & will have it sent at the same time as yours & same box - look out for it, please. It is from [S.A.] Meanea, Cheyenne, Wyo.

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The house must be rather nice & when we have our nick-nacks in it, will not look bad. Of course I shall bring out the pictures we have; they help make a home look cosy & comfortable. Now, my mother is, as you know, anxious to come out too, but she fears you may not want her. I am sure you will welcome her gladly, so be sure & write inviting her. She has not been well & the trip & rest is what she needs the Drs' say.

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She has long been looking forward to it & will I know enjoy the change from here & be glad to shift the troubles of housekeeping. She is bright & nice in a house & is so fond of you, my dear. She is eager to travel & see some of the world. I will attend to the \$200.00 for "Soldiers Three" & send it to Jarvis. I shall borrow it for a month or so, paying back as soon as possible. As you can send only £60 per month, & I have so much to pay out it will be Oct. ere I see my way

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clear to go, I fear. As I said in my last I have had to borrow & must pay up & I do not want to leave Canada owing anything - it worries me too much. I must attend to your life insurances, before I go too. I suppose we shall have to leave them in Auguste's hands & arrange for the monies coming all right & in ample time. I am anxious to send this letter of Mr. White's so this is extra - I will answer your letters as usual on Sunday & in the beginning of the week, but must wait to find out all I ask as soon as possible. I do not know the cost of freight from Eng. so cannot have an idea of what the difference would be purchasing there instead of here. I will see about it, as soon as I can. All are well and join in much love. I went to see the Hong Kong contingent yesterday. They are a fine lot, particularly the Hindus from Singapore & Burmah. God bless & protect you, my dear. Am in a great hurry, so will have to close; want to catch steamer which leaves early tomorrow. With many sweet kisses, ever your own

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true, devoted, warmhearted
loving, lonely wifie,

Maye

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