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April 12th 1909

My own darling Father:

Your very kind & welcome letter arrived on Friday morning, and many sincere thanks for it. I am much obliged for the account of Grandfather's election. I shall be pleased with the other anecdotes whenever you are at liberty to write them.

Mother probably told you of Mrs. Mackie's [thoughts] of us this Eastertide. I was most fortunate in receiving so many acceptable gifts – a pair of gloves, a hair-ribbon, a chocolate hen and tiny eggs in a "hair-receiver", a fine egg, and another chocolate one, a box of sweets, a packet of almond chocolates, two books.

Mrs. Elton asked me to dine with them in the evening.

We are having cold, disagreeable weather, with flurries of snow during the day.

You know how anxious we are to go to Winnipeg, and to be with you. We miss you excessively, dear old Papa.

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Well, there is a dearth of news, and the only thing I can tell you, and which is not news to you is that I love you "a lot, lot, lot."

Your own daughter,

Torla.

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I forgot to mention that I heard from Miss Margaret Robinson who was on shipboard with us that she spent some time in Milford-on-Sea, Hants. where she met an old school friend Miss Lillian Logan "She tells me her brother served under your Father in the Boer War he went from Canada with the S's H. to S. A. & sad to say Mr L. lost his life. I believe he was a Sergeant. Your Father wrote twice to Miss Logan at M.-on-S. Hants., after the event, & she values his letters immensely, as they speak so nicely of her brother. Would you kindly tell your Father about this as Miss L. was much interested to hear that I had met him & you all" Congratulations on your speeches dear Father. F.

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Miss R. met, or rather saw, a gentleman in the same ['bers] in L. whom she thought was Capt. Macdonell. I have asked you a couple of times for addresses of Mrs. [Stalen] & Capt. [illegible] and perhaps some one else. Can you please give them me?

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