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Percy H. Belcher to Marie Steele

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[Hunter] Creek
14th Sept. 1901

Dear Mrs. Steele

I received your letter with the [Licenses] enclosed just the other day, as far as the properties go there is no alteration as I have been unable to dispose of any of them and I see that it is in all of our interests not to attempt to work them under the present conditions. I am keeping up the assessment work and keeping the titles good, and of course this comes rather heavy on me single handed and that is why I was obliged to write that letter to the Colonel, much against my inclination. No doubt wages are going to be much [illegible] shortly, and provisions and other supplies are getting cheaper

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all the time. I got a letter from my Brother [sic] Arthur from London yesterday and he says the Colonell [sic] was with them quite a number of times when there on his way to S Africa, they think so much of him and he left them one of his photos. This War is an awful drag and I am sure you must be heartily sick of the Col. being away so much. I have not heard from the Major for some time but believe he and his "little lot" are in Edmonton. I shall let you know at once if anything turns up, and trusting you are quite well with kind regards.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

P.H. Belcher

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