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Harwood Steele to Sam Steele

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1513, 1st St, W.

Calgary, Alta;

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Dear Papa,

I made up my mind, since I received your lovely letter, to wear my glasses at school, for your, and dear Mamma's [sic] sake, & I am doing so. It has been rather cold to-day I am trying to get up early & dress quickly. There was a fire a few doors away, yesterday at noon. It was not severe & the brigade soon had it in hand It was at Mr. Speechly's, whose wife is a dress-maker. Mr. Wright, who was your type-writer in South Africa, is working on the C. P. R. & called to see Mamma on yester-day morning. He has not changed a bit. Flora started school to-day, but does not like it much.

Last night at a quarter to eleven a pipe burst. Mamma was reading when she heard a noise that she took for that of the train. This was repeated several times untill [sic] she began to think there must be something wrong. She awakened Bagnall, who went downstairs. He found that the water was squirting from a long slit in the pipe, to the ceiling. He phoned for Mr. Clarke & between them they blocked the hole. In the mean-time

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Mamma telephoned Dr. Macdonald who pocured [sic] a plumber for her. He arrived at about twelve o'clock & took the pipe completely off.

The other night the new electric light in the dining room burnt out & we had to substitute the light in the study for it

I was reading in the Daily News about the Edmonton .V. Wanderer's hockey match. Tom Phillips', the best player for the former team had every limb bruised, over twenty being on his left leg. His ankle was also broken.

Some men do not know what Sport is! Don't you think so? Fancy injuring a man like that! As you say you are writing me as though I was a grown-up man I am trying to write this letter as if I was one. I am, as you say writing is good exercise, ~~I am~~ trying to write a long letter. It was very cold in church on Sunday. I am going in earnestly for [p. c.] collecting. I have now one-hundred-and-twenty-two.

I bought an number of school-books, etc., to-day. Gertrude did so as well. I am getting quite a number of letters now, compared to what I used to receive.

Will you, Dear Papa, please write soon to,

your loving son,

Harwood

kisses for you → xxxxxxxxxxx x these crosses, if received in other letters, represent hand-shakes → ++++++++ lots more of both. H. S

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