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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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162 Hutchison St.
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My own darling Sam,

It is now a week since we parted at the station & it seems very much longer ago than that, I must say. Fortunately it was not a day like this, or we never could have been able to see you off - it has been pouring since early morning just as it used to do in Pretoria & the water is lying ankle deep in all the ruts & hollows in the

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streets & does not improve this dirty city you may be sure. Marie has been very busy since she went up & to crown all her cook cut her hand - the arm was much swollen & the Dr. feared blood poisoning so she was brought to the hospital & will be there for some days I believe. We are getting along very well, but kept occupied, keeping the house in order & attending to the cooking etc. We are looking

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forward to the coming of Bagnall & Annie & trust they will not disappoint us. If they sailed on the "Lake Champlain" on the 19th, she is due in Quebec today & will be here tomorrow. We have heard nothing from them so far & as there is but one class on that steamer, they come direct to Montreal. Col. Stevenson rang you up on the telephone on Tuesday evening & was much disappointed to learn you had gone - he asked me to express his regret at having missed you. A letter came from the Militia Dept. yesterday which I immediately forwarded - strange, they did not know you had been gone almost a week!! I do hope you saw Col. Irvine & other friends as you passed through Winnipeg & that you had a pleasant trip, not feeling the heat too keenly. I am hoping for a letter soon, knowing what a fine correspondent

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you are. No news from Edmonton, but there has not been time for that, we know Torla went to Aunt Gertie's yesterday afternoon to

spend today, but will not be back tonight, owing to the rain. She is doing nicely, helping all she can. I know she tries hard to please every one [sic], poor dear! Gertrude is busy sewing for her doll - I bought some patterns & stuff & she is happy. Harwood's face is

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completely cured - he was very fortunate to get rid of it so quickly, but care did it & the good condition he is in helped, I suppose. Frank's house is cleaned, but nothing is fixed up yet. Mother has been purchasing a pretty carpet, kitchen utensils of all kinds & will be comfortable when all is settled. She is beginning to look better & is brighter we find. Well, my dear, supper must be got ready, so good bye for now. All send much love.

Your own devoted wifie,

Maye.

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