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Flora Steele to Sam Steele
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My darling Father,

You have been, I presume, too busy to write me during the past week, so I have nothing particularly interesting to communicate to you.

Enclosed are a few paragraphs which you perhaps may not have seen before. Observe Canada's lukewarm spirit in regard to Military Training in schools; "useless militarism" as it was termed, is becoming too prevalent in Canada, was what one paper said. Such sentiments! This dominion seems to be an American province, not yet claimed, judging by what some people think. Somebody said "we shall not need a militia in ten years", "Why?" "Because we shall be under the stars & stripes."

Remark the language, the beautiful choice of words in the marked part of the [enclosure]. Would it not improve them if they read some English classics and tried to better their rhetoric? nothing [*sic*] but slang. It really ruins our fine tongue.

I am longing to hear when we are to join

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you, it seems such ages since we were "a' [thegither]" does it not?

Very changeable weather in this portion of the country, but there are promises of spring now.

How is dear [Mrs.] Mackie? Love to hear, and to my own dearly beloved Father. from

his own

Torla

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