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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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162 Hutchison St.
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My own darling,

My last letter will I hope, not have put you out too much but I had to explain things to you fully re Morgan's. I had been there twice you see & they put me off. I saw plainly they would not come to any reasonable decision & I would not pledge you to paying \$100.00 a month, in case you could not do it. They made such a favour of obliging us, that I know, quite well, had you been there, you would not have accepted any offer of seeming willingness. Gus went to Labelle & he has very first class things & will oblige me. I saw Gus for a few moments today when he came up. There are

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conditions of course, but they are better than Morgan's who, if they had to wait, never lost a cent by us or indeed the Harwood's or McGillis', who have dealt with the firm ever since Henry Morgan commenced in his small ship. Of course, needless to say, Mr. Nixon never telephoned as he said he would & I could not bring myself to calling him up again.

Your dear letters of the 7th & 6th came yesterday & cheered me up considerably, I assure you. You take things so well when they worry the very life out of me, that it makes me feel ashamed of myself & I pluck up courage once more determined not to lose heart so easily. I am anxious to go to you, but this furniture question, etc. kept me here.

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I feel sure we will manage all right if we are together - things go so much better then, I find. I shall do my very best & hope by this time next week, to have the car & its contents well on the way. I shall

follow the week after, so as to be there soon after or as soon as it arrives. I do hope my darling your cough is better, in fact that you have regained your usual good health. Mother is still in bed, but is improving - she has had a very bad spell of it & it proves to her that we are quite right in wishing her to be careful. Mr. Geo. Hope's plaster is a very efficacious one I suppose & I hope you are very prudent - one runs such risks of catching more cold after blisters of any kind. Mr. Cowdry wanted us to buy his piano, I suppose - surely he did not want to lend it! Rest assured I shall make as nice a choice as possible of the furniture required. I like [tarty] things too.

Gus will do all he can to help me, I know so I hope all will be satisfactory. He will not be down until Monday, but I intend going to Labelle's in the morning to choose some things. I am much put out at the way Morgan treats us, however, we can get on without them thank Heaven! I see that in my hurry. I answered your letter of the 7th first, so now take up that of the 6th.

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In it, you say you rested until 11:30 a very good thing especially as none of mine came to deprive you of that pleasure.

It is a hearty shame for the gov't to appoint Boulanger to such a position, when there are so many good men without a stain on their name fit & ready to fill such a position. I remember all about him & the fuss his dismissal caused. It will give you a great deal of unnecessary work, having to keep such a watch on him, in order that he may not be tempted to try any of his old tricks on you. Does he retain his rank of Lt. Col.? I thought he might have been less. on account

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of his trouble - the Con[illegible] should make a fuss about his appointment I think. Torla is in good humour over her lessons & school. They have all gone over to see Mr. Parent this evening - he is very kind & polite to them. Gertrude & Harwood are looking forward to going up & Torla regrets our departure. They have just come in. I asked Harwood "what kind of a time they had - "slick"- short & expressive, I must say - he said they had all sorts of fruit, cake, & lemonade & gave them a box of sweets to bring home. Mr. P. knows how to win their hearts, does he not? I see the Calgary Band plays here on Saturday. I was sure I would be there when they returned - how time flies & I am always busy. There is not much news - my

gums are healing nicely & I think the bridge will be a success. Frank is pleased with his work & his patient - he says I am one of the very best in every way. Capt. McDonnell came up yesterday p.m. bringing me about a dozen views of the Quebec bridge before & after the disaster - he is very successful with his snapshots. Charlotte Herbert came up this morning bringing a couple of chickens & some pigeons as a gift for mother. They were all well. Gertie comes into the city to see Frank tomorrow - the latter is very busy & will I hope do well.

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Torla grows every day & I am having her dresses fixed so that they will fit her next summer, as I do not want her to be destitute when that time comes, poor dear. I believe the nuns find her very bright & clever, so mother said Gertie told her. I do not know where the latter heard it, but may be from the nuns in Cote St. Paul where Charlotte goes, as they are the same community. Torla knows her lessons well & that must please them. All are well & join in much love to you, my darling. God bless & keep you well until we meet.

Your own true loving devoted wifie Maye.

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