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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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26 Ste. Famille Street
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My own darling Boy,

Your dear letter of Sept. 9th & the two dated 10th & 11th to your dear wee girlie's came on Monday the 14th & gave us all great pleasure I assure you. Having answered all your previous missives, & thinking it will please you I come to have a chat with you tonight. Yours is in answer to mine of July 30th & all is right re money question between us. I acknowledged \$2.428.45 cts., a trifle less than you mentioned – no doubt the difference

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was used in paying for the cablegrams. It is too bad so many of one's friends are called away during one's absence. Capt. Halder was I hear very nice – You must have quite a number of posts in your district & you certainly will have no time for loneliness. Yes, indeed, I see my old man is good stuff, when you can ride sixty-five miles & feel so well after it!. You evidently are bent on keeping up your past good reputation for attention to duty, discipline, & hard work. It is a nice thing that Godson – Godson is such an entertaining

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companion & I know you well enough to be aware of the fact that you would enjoy the stories he told you exceedingly – while not fit for a drawing-room they might not be altogether unfit for your little wife's ears, when she is within speaking distance, eh! dear?

So you are getting thinner & more sylphlike! well, do not lose too much in weight, my dear boy. It is of course too bad that you are deprived of any luxury still it is better for your health that you should be as long as I am so very far away.

You are quite right in thinking I would be very angry if you treated yourself too well in that respect – I am situated in the very same way you see & have made up my mind to reserve luxuries for later. Your horses must

indeed be fine & I am glad you enjoy them so well. No! Jake Gaudaur was defeated as you know long ere this & the same with Shamrock 11. Sir Thomas took his defeat in good part & won the admiration of all. He is, I believe making up his mind to challenge next year.

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Just think that Sunday the 13th, was the 13th anniversary of your first proposal – do you regret it, dear? Have you not often wished since then that you had accepted my first answer & had not been as persevering as you were? Well, I am glad you did not, although we have sometimes had harsh words I must confess, words that well nigh broke my heart, but we will not mention them now. we will live in hope that never again will they pass between us.

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It must be warm now – in fact, summer is coming on where you are – with us, we have the winter in view – all the trees are turned a golden brown & the streets are thickly carpeted with the falling leaves. Strange there are not the usual bright crimson tints this Autumn! Every thing tells us snow is at hand & I dread the long cold winter, I must say. There was quite a fuss about Prince George, but a deal of trouble too. I enclose some clippings I feel convinced you will appreciate. Too bad General Buller has caused so much bad blood.

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I thought him a man with a great deal of tact & believe he is so yet – what do you think yourself, dear? Alice got your letter all right & was simply delighted to hear from you. There never was such a baby as that wonderful boy of hers – the usual thing with mothers, you will say & with reason. She & Fred seem to be getting on O.K. now & I hope I am right in my way of thinking. The Mac's have by now moved to the ranch. I hope Minnie will like it, poor soul. Judging from her letters, she still misses us very much & regrets that the children are so far & that she sees them so very seldom. She is, I have no doubt, fond of them. I send, by this same mail two or rather three books addressed to me by Major Belcher. I hope they shall reach you safely. No answer as yet from Mr. [Bethune] or Mr. Jayne. I fear my letters never reached them. Consequently, the former has not your letter as I

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do not know where to send it. I must try & find him some other way, dear. I wrote Mrs. Moon a long letter on Sunday evening. I have so many correspondents & duties that I find it hard to get through all. The sewing girl came at last & I have had rather a busy day, so feel a little fatigued tonight. I want you to tell me the kind of clothes we will need, if we go to you & do so in good time so that we can be ready in ample time & there can be no delay. Harold Jarvis is coming to sing at the

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[Hallowe'en] Concert, but I am not going this year. Do you remember [Fax] & the [Him ha ha's] two years ago? – Have not seen Mrs. Hope since before I went to Halifax to meet you. There is not much news – all are well enough, but they are suffering from colds, especially Gertrude, poor little pet. Flora is very busy studying & will write on Sunday. Dubbie is well & they all join me in much love & kisses. Hoping to hear from you, soon my own darling, that you are well & protected by the most High believe me,
Your lonely, true hearted, devoted wifie,

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