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Flora Steele to Marie Steele
(forwarded by Marie to Sam)

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The dental concern will be a very large affair, practically all caps on the upper alone.

My dearest Mother: -

I arrived in Montreal on Tuesday morning at about nine o'clock & immediately took a cab to this house. Grandma had received my Winnipeg letter telling her of my proposed departure on Sunday morning. Although she telephoned several times to the Station

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they could not tell her when my train was expected so she had intended to meet the 11 o'clock express.

I had a delightful time in Winnipeg, drove every day & enjoyed my visit so much. Mrs. Mackie & Father went with me to the Station & I felt pretty desolate. Miss Blise, daughter of Col. Blise, brought me to the theatre, on the preceding afternoon to

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see "The Cat & the Fiddler". We, she, Miss Mackie & I lunched with Mrs. Irving that day. I was very kindly treated. Father dined at the Crescent every second evening & was questioned about everything etc.

Thank dear Aunt Tiley for her letter & snapshot & Capt. Mackie for the postcard.

To return to the station, as luck would have it, the same dining car was attached, with Mr. Picket

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& the waiter I had before. So that I was well looked after & had all my meals free!

In the afternoon I had tea at 4 p.m. in the pullman & had magazines & two books lent me by Mr. Picket. There were a lady, her daughter in the sleeping car & myself only, so there was no crowding. The night before arrival two gentlemen got on board. The lady, Mrs. Johnsen & her daughter are crossing to Eng. on their way to Paris, where Miss Johnsen will remain for a couple of years, at school.

They invited me to drive with them, on Tuesday p.m.

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and called for me at 2 o'clock. We drove around town, to N.D. Church, the Chateau, & up the mountain to the Observatory, down again to the Station where I had my boxes seen to, & here. I had tea at Mrs. Baker's & slept with Margery. I met Miss Johnsen at Palmer', & took her to various shops as she wished to buy a motor cap for the boat.

I have absolutely decided to return home at Xmas & to stay. I arrived at my

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decision before I arrived at Montreal!

Uncle has already began work on my teeth, & hopes to finish them in Dec. The straightening of the lowers is an absolute necessity as otherwise the teeth would not meet.

Grandma has a cold; she intends leaving on or about the 22nd of October.

I will buy another trunk to carry the bedding & the things that are at school

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I think it is wiser to return home, so that if I fell ill, I would be with you. If I remained here, I would have to go to the Hospital, which would be unpleasant as well as a great expense. So hurrah for home & no more departures for school, pleases God!

How are you all? I will write to Aunts soon, & also Mrs. Elton.

Montreal is horrid compared

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to the west, I assure you. As you said I could return home when I wished, you will raise no objections to a Christmas homecoming, I am sure! {It will be healthier too as I can have some exercise riding}

Grandma has one or two of your cups & misses a few of hers, so if you have them she will keep the ones of yrs. [sic] to make the six & send the extras to you - you keeping the ones you have now.

Love from her, Esther, & Uncle & many kisses to you, dearest one, & to you all from Flora.

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