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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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My own darling,

I have only a short letter dated the 16th & received yesterday to answer this morning. You tell me of your dining with Capt. Deane & of his inquiries about me. It is strange that he should have forgotten the very ungallant & disagreeable way in which he treated me after you left. I have not I assure you - ill as I was, after all the trouble I had with sick children etc, - I shall never forget my departure from the Macleod Barracks, more like a prisoner, but no! not that for a guard would have accompanied me in that case, but like

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an undesirable whom every one [sic] was glad to see the last of: those in the humbler walks of life proved my friends then & I cannot forget their sympathy. I phoned Capt. Macdonnell yesterday & they promised to deliver the message, but I fear they did not do so - of course, I merely desired him to call me up - he may come soon again. I am sure you must have had a most enjoyable visit to Lethbridge every one [sic] glad to see you & one cannot fail to appreciate a warm welcome. The Inspectors take a long time to call, do they not? Are they the same as were there when Capt. Cartwright dwelt in Calgary? She detested the whole lot of them - there is one thing, she is not a married woman

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who flirts anyway. I certainly feel as if they will not care for me - however, that is not necessary, I can get on quite well without that sort for acquaintances, can I not? This is a beautiful day & Mother, Frank, Mrs & Miss Mare have gone to enjoy Gus & Marie's hospitality for the day. I intend to try & take a run up for a few hours this week, as I should like to see Aunt Angeligne; they have a new girl & I fear

putting them out, but I can have dinner at the hotel. They had quite a demonstration last night for Laurier - it was late so I did not go & it was raining as well, having poured in the afternoon. I shall send the "Star" as you may like to see it. The children received the letter you wrote them & were delighted to hear from you. I have been pondering over things - my last will have enlightened you on the expenses we must incur - house \$75 - Bagnall 40 = \$115 = then \$35.00 or so for schooling out of balance of \$122.00 gives \$87.00 or so to live on per month. am I right? I want to be master of the situation you know dear, that is why I worry you so much over the matter.

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one must study every side of the question so you must not be surprised. I intend bringing Harwood up with me - a year there will not harm him & will be less expensive, board & tuition everywhere is so high. I fancy Frank will be married in the spring: folks are always in a hurry nowadays, are they not? We went to half-past seven mass as usual this a.m. Gertrude Hubert came up last night & remained for today. Charlotte is still in Vaudreuil, having a pleasant visit, I believe. There is very little news - we see few people, so many being away. I am always busy & will be preparing the girlyies. They need things they

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would not have to get if they were with us. Well, my darling. You know why I cannot go up until Sept., as I cannot leave the children until I see them comfortably settled if they remain - no one else can see to everything like their little mother. God bless you, my darling - write soon, although owing to your wedding trip to L - I hardly expect to hear from you in a couple of days. With much love from one & all.

Ever Your own true devoted wifie,

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