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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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My own darling boy,

Yours of the 18th telling me of the Min.'s letter has this very moment been brought up by Capt. Mackie. I am sorry things must be in abeyance for so long, as it will not be pleasant to be so many months more without you, my darling. It will be Oct. before elections come off, or rather Nov. & then ever so many weeks before the Govt. settles down to work. I am very much disappointed as I thought we might soon be together. I dread the winter without you, I must say.

He speaks very nicely of you in every way, but your many letters from the fine efficient men who gave you such recommendations must have had a good effect & he could not endorse what they said, considering who they were.

I suppose I shall have to wait patiently & move when the time comes, if such is to be. I had hoped to do so before the cold weather, as I miss you so much dear & long to be with you for many reasons - living is high here & more so when

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when the two places are considered.

Capt. Mackie is delighted at the prospect of his darling coming home so soon & is on a broad grin at the thought of it - he is such a good fellow & would not care to be here without you for long, I fancy.

I suppose they will move the office in Oct. The Taylor house is getting on but is far from finished - it will be comfortable when completed.

Mr. Mills has not been feeling well for some time - he fears typhoid, there are many cases of it & one of his friends is suffering from it at present.

I regret the letter with bills & mother's letter is lost - hers was very interesting telling of Louise having bearded the lioness in her den & astonished Mrs. Drayner by walking in - there was a great

scene & Louise has seen one of the best lawyers in Quebec & wants some kind of assistance - have heard nothing more but our friends in the city opened their houses to Louise, who will not leave her mother-in-law's roof. It will be settled one way or the other. She also said Alice was going to Wyoming to see Fred & that she spoke of going to Edmonton to see the boys. Mother said she took upon herself to ask her to stop off here & hoped she had not done wrong. I answered "it was all right - although Alice has not written me for a long time." I hardly think she will come this way, as it is late in the month & mother speaks of going to Denver about Oct. 22nd. Alice would want to

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want to be at home then.

By the by, Draper was saying the other day that you had not paid him the \$5.00 he gave the baker for bread tickets the first days he was here. You told me you had & I remember quite distinctly asking you to put it down in case he should forget. He did not ask for it, only mentioned it casually in conversation.

They are all willing enough, but such poor cooks - cannot make a decent pudding, cake or anything & are slow - however, I will put up with it until we have the move if it comes, but I would never bring them to Winnipeg - one requires more than good-will & forty dollars is a high price for that!

Well, dearie, the day is fine, but a certain coolness is in the air which shows that Autumn is at hand.

God bless & keep you safely until we meet. Miss Allison, the nurse, whom Charlie Gigot loaned his horse & buggy to, has not yet put in an appearance to take his dearly loved Aunt Min out. Do not yet know how things are going there.

Mrs. Howe writes but does not even desire to be remembered to me. Of course, I do not care a pin, but it just shows how queer people are.

All join in fondest love, my own darling boy, whom I miss so much. Write soon again to

Your own lonely, devoted little wifie,

Maye.

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