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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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162 Hutchison St.
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My darling Sam,

Your dear letter of the 5th & 6th came yesterday after I had mailed mine to you - you cannot imagine how amused I am at the turn of events. Marie & Gus came to town & Frank has invited Mother, & the others to lunch at Morgan's to meet Miss Mare & has announced his engagement - it came as a thunderbolt to them I assure you & I have praised her up to the skies to Marie

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who has been here. You have the happy knack of cheering up people my dear, so I am not surprised you had the same effect on Tillie. I suppose you will stay with them when you go to Edmonton, or they would be hurt if you did not. I find Flora improving - she finds the young girls so very silly & will, I hope always think as she does now. Last evening Mother & I called on the Mare's - they are boarding of course. We had a very

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pleasant evening & you have two more ardent admirers, I assure you. Mrs. Tobin of Halifax who was so kind to me is a future aunt of Frank's. I hope you have had all my letters for I have written you very often & answered all your letters as they came. I have yours of the 6th open before me - the camp closed, everything settled & you are ready to commence your daily routine. Mrs. K- cannot have improved in looks if she is so immense - did they seem friendly? They were so with you, I was the bugbear. Funny Mrs. McHugh dislikes Calgary so much - the style she saw in London has made her discontented I fear - that often happens you know. She might like living there altogether & have him go over now & then. I would not. Browne is married & left the N.W.M.P. some years ago, did he not? Is he the

same old flatterer? Marshall I remember well too. What band has gone to England? Is it a civilian one & are they taking part in any contest?

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I suppose it will be impossible for me to go up until I get the children settled. Flora has such a horror of fire & fears that the Villa is such a trap that I have a very difficult task ahead of me, as you know. I must go quietly about the matter & use much tact. She has such queer ideas too & I believe thinks she can come out often if a boarder at the convent. a great mistake & the sisters object to it on account of the responsibility.

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If you find out the price of tuition up there & think it over I will do my best down here with them. Gertrude is not quite so decided as Flora is, but there is not much difference. Judging from Tillie's letter to you, Antoine evidently never received the telegram sent after you left telling of your departure for Calgary accompanied by Tilsey as we call the new Tillie - perhaps the one sent in the name of all congratulating them & wishing all sorts

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of good things the day of the wedding may have miscarried too. I wrote bride & groom a long one yesterday & Torla wrote long ago - she is never late with her letters. Gertie wants me to go & stay the night as Charlotte is away & she can accommodate me if it does not rain, I will go, although as usual, I have plenty to do. All in V- keep the same - have seen none of them as yet.

Bagnall & Annie are all right - we have the house nice & clean & Marie will have no trouble when they move in after the summer is over. All join in much love to you dear. God bless you, my darling. Lunch is ready so I will leave you. Just my little ones & myself today. With many sweet kisses,

Ever Your one, true devoted wifie,
Maye.

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