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James Henderson to Marie Steele

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My dear May

I have taken Mrs. Henderson here for a change after her long confinement & inaction owing to her sprained ankle which has kept her a prisoner ever since middle of Septer [sic] The [soreness] and the sprain have been got over but the treatment & lay-up have left the muscles very weak & she can walk only [wi] difficulty yet. A sprain combined with a [illegible] is a very trying thing. We expected better treatment & particularly better walking here than we have so far experienced on this visit. It has been [more] snowy & [unsettled] than in Canada. & quite as much snow & very severe winds we get quite as good weather if not such better than they do in the U.S.A. I have decided they get quite as good as they deserve! Old John D. Rockefeller sits at next table to us in the dining room. His head is perfectly bald, not a hair on it or on his face. He must feel cold & it makes

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us feel cold to see him. He is rather of the easy [featureless] kind of face not the least the hard face of your American millionaire. You wld [sic] not guess him to be one of if not the richest man in America.

The snow upset all calculations here they [are] not prepared for it. It blocks the roads & drives and the sidewalks are covered with slush, we [shakely] had to regain the more steady temperatures of [Toronto]. In Montreal winter is a long way to be prepared to this kind of climate The [structure] is a very comfortable Hotel.

I see Col. Sam & his men are busy enough [yet] in S. Africa & I hope you have good [illegible] of him & of his health I shall write him presently & I suppose Pretoria will find him. His work is not in vain as the improvement in the state of the country shows. I have been [advancing] for him the \$10 monthly since 1 [Jany] to Uncle John & am ready to receive his quota again at [yr] convenience. My last [illegible] from Coldwater reported both the old Uncle & Massie [are] well. Mrs. Henderson joins me in kindest remembrances & hoping you & the

children are quite well. Believe me my dear May Yours truly J.
Henderson

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