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Marie Steele to Sam Steele  
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Calgary, Apr 24<sup>th</sup>

My own darling boy,

Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> written after receiving mine of the 18<sup>th</sup> reached me yesterday & I was so pleased to peruse it, only the usual thing!.. [sic]

Perhaps they are considering the matter of the house, or may be they cannot accede to your request & will reply by a diplomatic letter: however we will hope for the best. Col. Cruikshank's app<sup>t</sup> is looked upon as settled here,: [sic] the papers are mentioning it, you see.

I am very patient, my dear & do not wish to hurry you in any way & will only begin to pack when you tell me to do so.

You enclosed Buzz's letter in Flora's but she gave it to me. I am sorry he has been ill & hope he is better now. I return it.

The dress maker I had is a success; she could only give me six days, but if we are here the third week in May she can come again - if any days are to be had, by people failing to keep engagements she has promised them to me.

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I only wish I had known of her before, but she was away all winter only returning to the city in March.

M<sup>r</sup>. Dawson was well received the press says.

I have not seen the Macdonald's [sic] since I dined, but M<sup>rs</sup>. M. told Torla your speech was just what she thought it would be. I shall have to call for it, first opportunity I get.

Having been so busy I have not seen any one all week, so hear nothing of what goes on. I am sure you enjoyed your high tea at the Mitchell's [sic] as you were thinking so much of all the good things that you signed your letter "yours lovingly,  
S. B. Steele") "Oh! You awfully funny man!!"

Your next of the 21<sup>st</sup> came in yesterday morning & you tell me you paid your duty calls. Why should not Lady M<sup>c</sup>M. be polite? her [sic] husband is & seems to like you, my dear.

M<sup>r</sup>. Mitchell must be very active to dance a sailor's hornpipe & have a

grown up daughter. I see you succeeded in getting "Morgan's Canadian's" or borrowed one, may be - they are very difficult to get now. Flora got your letter &

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& the names of the ships her grandfather Steele served on. The young lady from F<sup>t</sup> Rouge must have been charmed with you, & I know how pleased you are when you say nice things - of course, that is what you usually do, with few exceptions.

It is too bad Major [Swinford] leaves for Vancouver as he is an old friend of yours whom I hoped to have the pleasure of meeting - such is life!. [sic] you [sic] will miss him - he brought you flowers several times, I know.

I went over to say good bye to M<sup>rs</sup>. Taylor next door who leaves tomorrow for the East, to be absent until autumn - she told me M<sup>rs</sup>. Pennefather's little son has scarlet fever but it is a mild case - he is D<sup>r</sup>. Pennefather's grandson & they reside in Lethbridge - you remember my telling you I met her at M<sup>rs</sup>. Taylor's.

Minnie left for Lethbridge yesterday (Saturday) morning to visit M<sup>rs</sup>. Cunningham & will be about a fortnight I fancy. She went off in good spirits & will be entertained I am sure to her great delight, as she has many friends there & early loves being made much of.

Marcella came over from church with me & dined with us. She has only gone a short time

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ago, so it was four before I commenced my letter.

Had not a line from any one but yourself all week, so can give you no news to interest you, my dear. It is blowing hard this p.m & the dust is very bad, so it is disagreeable for walking or driving.

I do not know whether I mentioned reading in "The Mail & Empire" of the death of a young Jarvis, aged about 16 years only son of Harold Jarvis of Buffalo - is that Buzz's nephew? I know Harold Jarvis has only one son & that is his age, but he resides in Detroit now.

Well, my dear, I have a kind of sick headache this afternoon & my letter is stupid, but forgive me. will [sic] do better next time if I have some news to go on. God bless you, my own darling. The children are well & join in much love to you. Hoping to have the joy of seeing you soon, with hugs & kisses,

Believe me, as ever,

Your own devoted, affec<sup>ate</sup>. wifie,

Maye.

Send this society news on  
to M<sup>rs</sup>. Mackie when you  
have finished perusing it, as it may amuse her.  
These beautiful women must be known far & wide  
Maye.

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My dear boy,

Your address to the Canadian Club was splendid & I enjoyed reading  
it but this puzzles me - on page 4 you say

"This was the state of affairs when the Canadian Government took  
over the country, and the honours to which I have referred were  
represented by the Missionaries, the Rev<sup>d</sup>. George Macdougall, my old  
friend, his son etc." what [sic] are the honours? I see nothing about them.

Insp<sup>r</sup>. Shaw has just been here with Miss Thomason & he asked me  
if you had a horse you would like brought to Winnipeg - he has his polo-  
ponies to bring so takes a car - one of his ponies cannot be found at  
present & he would be pleased to bring your horse, as he is going to look  
after them himself, he will be delighted to do so & says four are better than  
three to bring. He will write tomorrow, but asked me to do so today &  
mention the matter to you. He may leave early in May, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> or  
thereabouts so you might write him if his proposal meets with your approval  
& in case you leave before his letter reaches you - in haste,

Your own wifie

Maye.

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