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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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1513, 1st St.W.
Calgary, Dec. 9th

My own darling boy,

Your short note enclosed with Mr. Popham's to you, as well as the paper I signed & mentioned in my last received. I have initialed under yours & re-addressed it to Mr. Popham, 180 St. James St. Montreal & will have it registered as you desire. Is that the paper the Molson Bank are to get & you were inquiring about, for it is the only one I have seen or had.

The photo's in plain clothes came yesterday & we find them very fine - [speaking] likeness, we think - you have a sweet roguish smile in your eye which makes

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me think they are kind to you down there. They are not flattering - I find them just right & you are quite stylish too.

There is not much news as I have had no letters for two days except the business one. I was down town this a.m. in connection with the bazaar which is going to keep me very much occupied until it is over late Saturday night.

I enclose the light bill - they are very high in their prices for we save in every way - never sit downstairs unless some one is here & no one ever comes but the Mackies, consequently all but the hall light, are out as soon as dinner is over. There must be something wrong with the wires or the meter. other places as large as this one, boarding houses for instance where the lights are

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not considered have only (five) \$5.00 or \$6.00 a month to pay - the bill came yesterday p.m. as you see by the envelope - not much time to allow for discount. I hate sending you all these bills, but cannot help it as you know. I fear Tilsey & Antoine are not coming for Xmas - if they do not they are not apt to see us for a long time, are they? money is scarce I suppose.

Mr. Drew of Ashdown's gave me a pretty clock for the bazaar this a.m. but does not want it mentioned - he spoke in most glowing terms of you, my dear - you certainly have an ardent admirer in him. Mr. Baker, man. H.B.C. gave me \$10.00 worth of china for the same purpose. They are very generous - the clock is worth \$10.00. I think if you have no official cards, you had better have more made in the style I chose, as I sent you all I had left - or any other style you like will do. They are cheaper than bought separately or of various kinds. You said you were getting official ones, that is why I only ordered 50 cards for \$5.00 - the official ones being more imposing, my dear.

I shall have to end this - things are quiet at present. Gertrude & Harwood have been invited to a birthday party tomorrow by our friend Mrs. Talbot on 7th Ave & expect to enjoy it. Their eldest son will be twelve, I believe. God bless you, my own dear one - all are well & join me in love. If you buy anything for the Mackie's be sure & let me know. Kisses & hugs from

Your own devoted, affec'ate little wifie,
Maye.

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