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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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My own darling boy,

Yours of the 29th & two of the 30th reached me today, the important one last at 3p.m. just as I was dressing for Mrs. Berkinshaw's tea. It is awfully nice of you to consult me on the Genl's letter - you know dear, I shall be quite content to do what you think best. You are far better able to judge than I am, having the work to do & knowing people of both places, as well as everything in connection with the whole affair. Whatever you think best I shall abide by, especially as Genl. Lake says "it will make no difference as the future possibility of a command of the West". As you say we are here & a move would mean much expense, but if it bettered your position or prospects in any way I should not hesitate one moment. Rent is high here & so are other things - however the same can be said of Winnipeg I suppose. You have worked up this dist. & taken much trouble with it, but you might prefer the other where there are many more men. It is a very difficult thing for me to decide, my darling, so, as I said knowing as you do, all the pro's & con's I shall be satisfied with what you decide, I assure you.

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You may find this climate better suited to you than the colder one, after so many years in Africa. I know nothing at all of Winnipeg, so really am not competent to judge or decide such an important thing.

Our day Monday was fairly cold, but nothing compared to the weather you had. If you decide on this place - I suppose they will appoint some one before Xmas & you will then come home for good. As I wish this to leave tonight & I have only a few moments to write, I shall have to say au revoir. God bless you, my own darling. Be sure that whatever way you decide, I shall be quite content & know you did for the best. You are far better able to weigh the matter than I am, for you are the one most concerned & it is your prospects that are in the balance.

With many sweet kisses. Ever

Your own devoted, lonely little wifie,
Maye.

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