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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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They print cards at Birks
9:30 a.m. Jan 15th
God bless you & give me many
happy anniversaries of the day
together Your own Maye

1513, 1st St. W.
Calgary, Jan 14th

My own darling boy,

Yours of the 10th reached me yesterday morning & I was delighted to get it as usual. I forgot to tell you in my last, that I phoned the man. of the meat market & he told me the girl had made a mistake in putting that note at the end of the a/c; it was not at all intended for me for he knew it was all right. That was on Monday & it completely escaped my memory when I wrote on Tuesday evening. I read Godson's letter so as to get the news, my dear. Mrs. Ward, Strutt's sister-in-law was in Winnipeg a short time ago, but I suppose he could get nothing much to do. No! dear, [Mr.] Godson's photo did not come here; at least I did not see it. I hope your cold is better. I see you play whist again - am so pleased & trust you will be willing to indulge in a game now & then when with us, as you will become proficient as you were in the old days. We had 44 % last night & today was very cold - it is lower tonight!

I told you all about our doings - not much you see, as not having you to escort us we remain at home every evening, as we will not go about at night. I hope you will soon know re the move - it is time, away since Aug.

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As I told you I am ready to go anywhere with you & life is too short to be always apart. I think - I cannot understand this part of your letter - you speak of how awful it is when a person is in poor health & say "how in a case like Mrs. Godson's they must hope that God will spare

the poor chap & how often he who has often faced death must hope that God will spare him for their sakes, eh, dear?" is Godson sick, that you write thus?

Flora will, I believe get on all right - she [knows] her lessons & the teacher cannot but be pleased with her. She does study well - she is going to learn German - her French lesson drew a compliment from her teacher today & she thinks learning the former, may encourage Gertrude.

I have done up my diamond brooch & written a letter to Birks, enclosed in the box, telling how the pin they put in is far too coarse for such a valuable brooch & ask them to change it - send the old one as a sample which if not used, they can return as it is gold. I send a Scotch pebble brooch which needs the cairngorm fastened on anew. Also send my card plate in same box & will you please have some cards printed, as I have none left. I send all to you registered mail. Owing to accidents on the line we have had no Eastern mail since Monday.

I am so glad you like my letters, as I at times fear they are not very interesting. As you say, we must not

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not have any more little contretemps, as they make me miserable & I feel heartbroken about it. I may be oversensitive but when one loves deeply, one feels deeply & keenly. I much appreciate the affectionate things you write me, my darling boy. Wednesday p.m. we went to Mrs. (Dr.) Smiths to tea - it was a fairly large affair & pleasant. The Dr. received with his wife - a number of our friends, the nice ones were there - so few of the stiffs present that they did not count. In the evening Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Lee, Mr. Griegg, who is cousin of the [Younger's] in Kinghorn, Mr. & Mrs. Talbot, Dr. Costello & ourselves played bridge. We had some good games & they had a lovely time - tea, coffee cake & sandwiches were enjoyed at eleven & then they danced & had music until one a.m. Judging from the hour & that as the three first phoned & asked if they might come & I invited the others in the afternoon to make up two tables, it speaks well for the amiability of the hostesses I suppose.

This p.m. we paid a few calls - took in the Elton's on our way to the Smith's yesterday, but all were out.

I paid the electric light out of the \$50.00 you left me - \$15.00 the bill was, went on the 12th & discount time up on the 15th, so to try &

get it, would not wait. This is how it has gone
\$4.00 for Catholic book, paid in full now
\$2.00 for load of wood for kindling
\$9.35 for dress skirt (self)
\$14.00 for light
\$1.10 for [expressage] on coat,

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church & school books etc, -- \$3.00 - some odds & ends \$5.00. I still have to pay church [pew] for 6 months \$9.00, so it slips away. I shall have very little left, as you see & still, I do not waste one cent of it, as you know I always need some on hand for emergency. Mrs. Sisley phoned tonight to ask us to tea tomorrow, but as it is my afternoon at home, was glad to be able to say we could not come - she took a long time to become friendly did she not?

Well, my darling, as we were up so late last night, I am beginning to feel tired, so I had better cease. God bless you, my own darling & write soon again - all join in fond love & many kisses from the children & myself. I forgot to tell you Mrs. [Herve] came home on Tuesday night & Minnie went to see her today so she has her chum back again. They will enjoy some good old talks, now that she has a phone.

Ever your own devoted, loving, lonely little wifie,

Maye.

Tomorrow, the 15th we will be 19 years married - I wonder how many will remember it, my darling.

A new electric bulb, costing 35 cts. lasted only a fortnight & they will not replace it. They predict that it will be 80% below zero next week & I am sure I do not know what we are going to do without coal - it's a terrible shame to let things get to such a pass! There is no Banff coal in the place & we have very little left but dust & slack.

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