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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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353 Broadway Winnipeg, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

My darling,

The enclosed has just come & on seeing it I think it better to forward it immediately to you, not knowing what to do. I trust you have had a pleasant trip & will not feel the difference in the cold, it being so much damper down east. We have it very cold, Sunday night & Monday & I believe today being over twenty below zero. We are all well & needless to say, miss

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you very much. The house seems large with your usual seats unoccupied. This is our Flora's birthday! how many things have happened since she was first put in my arms & that you gave her your first kiss. I am busy as usual, but that helps pass the time. Had a nice small tea at Mrs. A.W. Ross' yesterday, she was charming as such about twenty present. God bless you, my darling. All are well & join in love. [/pg 2]

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Mrs. Lilly passed through on Monday on her way east & I had her to tea, asking Mrs. Shaw her mother & Mrs. Cameron to meet her — we had a nice time. Mrs. Lilly is suffering from rheumatism & goes east for treatment her daughter being there as well under the care of two specialists, poor girl. I hope you will find all well & come home soon to

Your family & devoted little wifie

<u>Maye</u>

Lord Strathcona sent 2 [brace] of pheasants with comp<sup>ts</sup> which came in good condition yesterday – his Xmas gift evidently – you will of course write & acknowledge them. I address this to care of Genl. Macdonald not knowing exactly where you are. Remember me kindly to them all.

Your own

Maye.

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