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Marie Steele to Sam Steele
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Capt Boulanger told Minnie the other day he had asked "for a transfer to W. to be with Col. Steele but some one from Esquimaux [sic] had been appointed" - from what Minnie says she thinks he will not stay here. All his family go to Quebec for good, this week - he feels bad over it naturally, but they dislike the place & will not stay. The French Canadians did not take them up & the English Canadians did not either. I answered your next letters at once, re Orillia, so there is no need going over it again, as your wire came in yesterday & has been answered "Telegram satisfactory. Everything all right." I was upset about that more, not knowing how to pack our belongings, so as not to be compelled to go over some cases again. I hope the cold in your head is better. am [sic] delighted Col. Scott was pleased with what he saw in your command.

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Your P. Arthur letter of the 7th is the next one reaching me on the 16th. You tell me of your interview with the lady reporter & the girls & the description is certainly most amusing, my dear. Did you hear anything of D^r Macdonald in P. Arthur? he [sic] is to marry Miss [Mewborn] here & I hear he is somewhat fast. I take up yours of the 15th. You see the house being vacant for over a year makes a difference & it always requires doing over when such is the case. I understand all in regard to transport now & think I shall do all right.

The house will be in first class shape I have no doubt, with such proficient engineers looking after it. I had a nice letter from Esther telling me of the change in her plans. did [sic] you get the invitation to the Henderson wedding I sent on to you? I did not see the Free Press, so you need not ex-

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plain M^{rs}. M. being mistaken for me. I suppose she dresses very well & is quite a swell, my dear! she [sic] is the one who may not be flattered by the

error.

Harwood got the mumps on Thursday, & could not make his 1st communion although all prepared - two other boys were the same & some have developed the disease since. He is in bed & is well, but for the swollen face, one side only. Yours of the 16th came on the 18th & the inspection of the house was needed evidently & will put the landlord's agent on his metal. M^{rs}. Macdonald passed through W. last evening. we [sic] saw her off & I am sure the D^r will miss them all very much. Your next of the same date acknowledges samples sent by me. it [sic] was to give you an idea only of what would be prettier than those sent here & hope they helped in the choice & made it easier.

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I am sure the house will be very nice, my darling & repay you for your trouble by bringing you some happiness with your family. My [range] is certainly all right & we are getting on well with the packing.

Hope the cadet inspection was a huge [sic] success - you will tell me all about it later. Last evening, Josie & Gertie Gigot came in for some hours. M^r. [Crean] has gone on a survey for the summer & Josie is going to stay in Nelson during his absence. Then Jim Macdonald, of the "Glengarry" came in - he wants electrical work for the summer & hopes to get it. M^r. Vibert also came & then Regie McGillis joined us, just coming from Lethbridge - he did not get on at the Wallace ranch, so left & intends trying B. C.

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He would be much pleased if you would give him a letter, not to any one in particular, but just to let people know who he is. You have many friends all over the country & he is unknown. Do as you think best about the letters, but some of your friends might interest themselves in him & make enable him to get work. He is not very partial to office work - do you think big Jim could do anything for him?

Be sure & tell me what to do with the silver goblet you gave as a prize for "the best all round troop in the most efficient squadron" as it is still here. D^r. Macdonald does not like to take it without hearing directly from you, I think & I had better not pack it. M^{rs}. Lilly gave a nice tea for us on Thursday, Friday we had a splendid dinner & bridge at D^r. Smiths, Saturday M^{rs}.

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Berkinshaw entertained at a verandah tea, today M^{rs}. Richards gives a

garden party, but I fear we shall have to remain indoors on account of the rain, which while not much, is just sufficient to prevent our enjoying the lawns & trees. Flora helps this afternoon & has made many friends among married ladies, who like her evidently, finding her sensible & different from the silly girls one meets.

The Bishop is here & I shall call on him - he is so friendly & kind & likes the family.

Well, my darling, be sure & tell me what you think of our meeting you en route. we [sic] can leave the house Monday the 28th I think & I fancy it is better to take the day train - do you agree with me?

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I shall write soon again & keep you posted as to progress with our work. All join in fond love. Harwood is getting on well & will, I hope soon be able to make his 1st communion. God bless you, my darling. write [sic] soon to,

Your own devoted, affectionate little wifie,

Maye.

Regie is staying with me for some days, as he expects a friend from Lethbridge to join him & they will go together.

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