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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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My darling,

Your welcome letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> came this morning & tonight I hasten to answer it. The review next year will be better than this as the men will have become familiar with their work. I am glad you had a go at the theatre & feel sure you enjoyed it in every way - pretty women, dresses & all. I see the Kennedy's were up from Macleod to attend - did you see them?

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I suppose Mr. Macdougall has not altered much either - he is getting on, is he not?

Yes, dear \$75.00 per month is very high & I hope you will succeed in getting one for less - otherwise, I much fear it will be a case of you there & me here. We were pleased to hear that Antoine was married, as until your letter came we could but surmise that such was the case. Naturally, it would be a quiet affair as very few of the family

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could be present. I am delighted to know she likes Edmonton & hope the people will be nice to her. Tillie & Regie seem to get along very well & are more contented than they were in any other Western place. The ["Vermicelli] evidently will turn out a good investment & with their professions, they should do well. The town must be large if it took [ten] & a half hours to go over it in a motor. Who took you out? no doubt motors are quite common in such a fashionable place. I am surprised that Mrs. Bourne, whom all say is such a fine, handsome lady, should have rooms in bad taste - perhaps, the house was built & furnished before he married - some of the residences are no doubt very fine. I got the papers & copy of orders yesterday. You had a fine celebration I am sure & the day being so fine every one was in good

humour & prepared to enjoy it. There is not much going on. The children & Gertrude Hubert

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went to the "Tunisian" on Sunday & had a pleasant call. Gus we have not seen, but as he is so very busy with messages we do not expect him - he has been up but once for a few moments since he left for Vandreuil - his Marie keeps him on the jump I fancy - she is good hearted, energetic & full of [business] but is peculiar in many ways. I had a nice letter from Mrs. Brooks in answer to one I wrote on the [voyage] over - they were all well &

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desired to be remembered to one & all. Miss Robinson who was a fellow passenger with a brother in the Germiston police, came to call yesterday p.m. - she finds Canada lovely & has been spending a short time in [Gauaurne] & thereabouts. Capt. Macdonnell has not returned from Toronto to my knowledge, as I have not heard anything of him lately. Capt. Stubbs not a word of since his departure - have you had any news from him?

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There seems little of interest to tell you. I must soon go up to see Aunt Angelique or she will never forgive me. The children are well & send much love & many sweet kisses to dear Papa. Bob, Jessie & theirs have gone to Ste. Agathe - we did not know of it, although they left a week ago Friday last. No sign of uncle Jack - we are not likely to see him either - he has cut himself off from all the family through his own [nonsense]. Well, my dear it is getting late so I will say goodnight & finish this tomorrow - God bless you, dear.

Wednesday - The day is lovely, but no letter came from you & I looked forward so much to perusing one! The city is as dirty as ever & they do not seem to be doing anything towards cleaning it in any way. Frank takes his meals & sleeps here every night now - his house has all been cleaned but is not fixed up yet - Mother will soon begin to do so. He is looking ever so much better & filling out - he was [starving] himself, I think & met with so little sympathy it worried him very much - all is changed for the better. Au revoir - kisses & love - Harwood has written this himself & I hope you will enjoy it.

Your own loving wife, Maye.

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