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Minnie Macdonell to Sam Steele

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The Barracks. Macleod  
Sep 11th.

My dear Sam -

I have written Mr Davidson Maple Creek to freight to you "my sewing machine" & a case of pictures & [Angus Mere] Gillivery a couple of trunks containing my music, Alex journals & clothing of mine when I get there with my trunks & the one Maye is bringing that will be "all". Will you please receive those things & send me, the, "bills" so as I can pay you, as, I have

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the money for them. The [tin] case is silver & Alex Indian curios which we will hang in your den with our permission. The [b...] & box contain dinner & my mother's old fashioned dessert [sett]. [Merry Miele] said she had heard from [Sr. Strut] They had arrived safely. She [...] you so much. You made her very happy by saying Maye sent her love to her as she always worshipped Maye & Mrs [Wroughton] with her vile tongue told her Maye never liked her, only tolerated her on

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my account - it's astonishing how lies can travel freely. [Marguerite] told me she met a mining engineer in Dawson six years ago. Who told her Alice Farish was not happy & said Fred was a brute. She never mentioned it to me all these years as she perceived I thought she was happy. Mrs. D.W. Davis is here spending a few days with us. She is very sad & we had a good cry together but I try not to go all to pieces as I know its so bad for me. We had a terrible snow storm yesterday it [lightened & thundered & swished] the tree ah - the gale [dear Lex planted]

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it gave us a good fright. I think Maye will be with you when you get this & you will be awfully busy getting settled so I won't detain you. Mrs. Davies, Marguerite & I send you both our sincerest love tell Maye its strange to be back in my old house with all the new families & all the little children. With love yours sincerely

• Minnie -

P.S. [fancy] Mrs. W. telling me she had not ask Maye for a photo of the dear children as she would never give her one & would not answer her letters if she did write don't you think some [women should be shot] eh?

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