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[*By the Editor.*] PRICES CURRENT IN 1800.

“QUEBEC, 5th March, 1800.

“LOVING HUSBAND,—This goes to let you know that we are all in good health at present, hoping these few lines will find you and all your sailors the same. I received a letter from you with a bill of £25 by Captain Duhamel’s mate, and likewise another by the mail dated the 13th January. Your old acquaintance, Mr. Abbott, died a month ago, and Mrs. Abbott received a letter from Mr. Patterson. * * * You desired me in your last to let you know the price of molasses, sugar and coffee. I have enquired and found that the price of molasses is from four to five shillings per gallon, sugar from four to five pound per cwt., coffee from two to two and sixpence by the cask. There is a great quantity of molasses here at present; sugar and coffee is scarce. Our markets are very poor and dear this winter: beef is threepence halfpenny and fourpence per lb., mutton fourpence and fourpence halfpenny, butter eleven, twelve and threepence, market flour is twenty and two-and-twenty livres per quintal. You may tell Barnie * * * . I’ll look for you in the spring.

“I remain,

“Your True and Loving Wife while

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This letter was folded in the old style, sealed and directed to

“Cap’n *** *****.

“To the care of Mr. John Brown, Merch’t,

“Halifax.”

The postmark is “Quebec, mars 1800.”

In connection with the Kingsford-Gagnon controversy, the following title page has been sent to me. It is well known that a number of books had been published in Que-