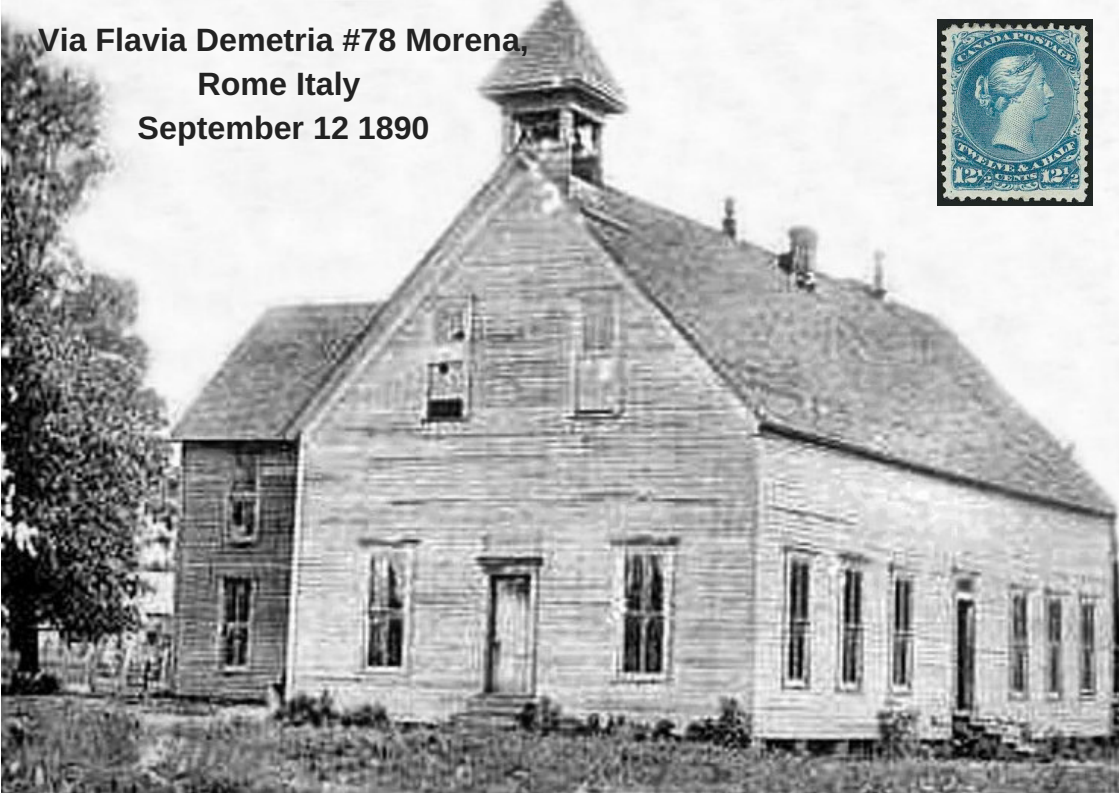


**Via Flavia Demetria #78 Morena,
Rome Italy
September 12 1890**



Dear mamma,

It has been 5 years since I have last written to you. I am now 26 years old and Robert is 39.

I miss you dearly! How are you and papa doing? I hope well. I will get you caught up in what's going on in my life.. Recently the Manitoba legislature voted to set up a single English speaking school, replacing its dual school system of French Roman Catholic and English Protestant schools. The English people felt that it would save a great deal of money to only be having one school system instead of having two, they believed they would have lower taxes. The French people totally disagreed and have been arguing that the british north america act declared that no provincial government can get in the way of the rights of denominational schools. That conversation went on and on between the french and the english people, I bet you could imagine. Well I have to end this letter here since there is so much going on right now. I cant miss out. i will write as soon as I can. I miss u all so much! give everyone huggs

from Robert and I

Much love,

Your daughter Michela

Via Flavia Demetria #78 Morena,
Rome Italy
October 27 1895



To my dear mother,

Its been awhile since I last spoke to you. Theres something special about today besides me telling you more news about what its like here, how I am doing, and whats going on around me. Its my birthday and I am 31 years old today. I wanted to thank you guys dearly for the beautiful birthday card I love it so much, made me miss you even more and made me want to come see you but me being here is for the best. The conservatives recently have prepared a bill that gave back the rights of the french- speaking catholics in Manitoba, but before the bill became a law an election was called to happen in the next year. Theres not much going on here to talk about in this letter, but I wanted to let you know what was going on. Me and my Robert have really been wanting to let you gys know something special thats going on between us. I have just recently found out that me and robert are having a baby. I am only 3 weeks pregnant but I thought I would tell you sooner than later. I am due around July. My names I have in mind for girls are Mary, Ruth, and Elizabeth and for boys my three options are John, Charles, and William. It is still early to decide on a name so I would like to ask you to mail me back what your opion is. I have to go now but cant wait to see your response love you

Much love,

View of the settlement of Morena

**Via Flavia Demetria #78 Morena,
Rome Italy
July 9 1896**



Mamma,

I am writing to you way earlier than all my other letters because I am soon going to be having my baby, which is a girl by the way. I respect your descision with the name Elizabeth for a girl and William for a boy, but since I am having a girl the name shall be Elizabeth. Like I said in my last letter the election was called to happen in the next year, well it happened this year and Wilfrid Laurier and his Liberal party has won the election of 1896. As a conclusion of Laurier's agreements with the provincial leaders, non-demominational public schools remained in developement. In the classroom if there were 10 or more students who can speak a language other than english, they could be taught in that specific language. Canadians are still working on establishing a equal balance between the rights of French-speaking and English-speaking Canadians. I am sorry I have to cut this letter short but right now I am experienicing some pregnancy sickness and not feeling like myself right now. I will mail soon I promise, well I got to go really starting to feel sick.

Much love,

Your daughter Michela

Via Flavia Demetria #78 Morena,
Rome Italy
November 8 1900



Dear Mamma,

Greetings sorry I havent written about Elizabeths journey as a child I have been so busy raising her here. She is now about 5 yeras old and is starting to ask about her grandparents and wanting to meet them. I bet you are dying to meet her too but I think its for the best with how we are living and Robert still having the North West Mounted Police Job that we remain here for awhile. There has been a downpoor of immigrants into western Canada, most coming from Ontario, United States, and Britain with others coming from Europe. There a specific 6 reasons for those people to choose western Canada as the place to come settle in. With the first reason being good farmland and second, with the CPR being finished in 1885, it made it much easier and faster for settlers to travel to the West. Thirdly, changes to the Dominion Lands Act encouraged immigration fourth reason is quality of farmland in Canadas West has improved. The fifth reason being the canadian government signed treaties with the indians putting them onto reserves and finally the last reason is the NWMP had made a law in the West that made it safe for settlers to come and live there. Now you could see why there was a flood immigrants that came to western Canada. I was thinking of letting Elizabeth write the next letter to you because I think it would be good for you to see how she feels and what she is feeling about her grandparents. I hope you agree with my decision of Elizabeth writing to you. Missing you more and more everyday

Much Love,

Your dauahter Michela

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