

Letter
W. A. Dawson
19 Oct 1857

Victou Oct 19/57

Dear Sir

I received your letter by mail with letters enclosed which I delivered.

I would have written you before this but Mr Scott was in England & I waited until his return. I wrote him & have received an answer. He says that he does not mind of ever having spoken to you or William about the property. he at one time spoke to me about the farm, he says he has no idea of buying, as he could have no use for it. being wholly unsuitable for a store and as he would want if he did commence business here.

Our people are all well. Father is as usual & never comes from his room but takes his meals regular. My own family are well. The crops in the country have all been well reaped & housed.

The weather being most favourable,
the wheat crop is very superior in general,
The oats are light, but as the potatoes
are clear of the disease, & a good crop
the want of the oats will not be so much
felt. The times are somewhat slack
here at present, but I think that we shall
have a pretty good trade this winter, all the
Banks in Halifax have stopped discounting at
present, on account of the over speculation
in the market. Times are very tight in Halifax
on that account.

James Yorston died very suddenly last
week, he hastened his own death, from
excess of drinking, he has died a
melancholy death & should act as a warning
to others. Old George Young Carleton Road
died this morning. There has been a good
deal of sickness here this season, in the
form of severe colds & influenza.
Both our families send best respects
to you all, & wish to be remembered.

Please tell William I
enclosed the seeds
J. A. S.

Yours truly
John A. Dawson