

Letter  
J. A. Dawson  
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Dear Sir

I received your letter by mail & according to your instructions called on the Proprietors & received from them the sum of Five Pounds which amount I handed over to Mrs Garrison formerly Mrs C. Neil, the party you were enquiring about as having signed herself Prescilla Garrison. but there must have been some mistake for Prescilla Williamson was her maiden name the Committee in connection send you their best thanks for the very handsome donation as regards the expenditure of the money collected there are many uses to which it has been been applied.

A large drain has been made all round the lot outside & since put in part of them by which all surface water may be carried off, one large drain has also been made on the West side running North & South by which all the back part of the grounds will be made dry this one is made inside the lot, just East of the Spruce trees. You know the place

Again the Hedges you allude too had all to  
be cut down, excepting ~~the~~ one or part of  
one on the South side & for that reason, fences  
had to be put up, all round the outside & temporary  
ones inside to protect the young Hedges from being  
interfered with until they grow up.

Walks have also been made all round the Lots &  
through it, in various ways, & these have all been  
gravelled, & it is the intention of the Committee  
to have trees planted along those Walks, so  
that in the course of a few years the best Grounds  
will I think look very well, a person will  
also be employed every season to look after  
the Hedges &c. & have things kept in order,  
the public are well pleased with the  
improvements already made, & parties having  
friends there interested are looking after their  
Lots, having them dug up, & the stones all  
put in proper position.

We hear of you all occasionally & are glad  
to hear that you are all well, we heard that Mrs  
Larson had an accident to her family  
Our people are all in their usual health  
Father, & better than he has been for years & has  
been attending to the Garden all summer & putting  
it in first rate order, the Cherry & Plum

Crop has been a failure in general  
but the apple crop is good. The other trees well  
laden and our Pear crop was also good.  
The oat & wheat crop is in general light in  
the County but the quality is fine. The wheat  
in particular is better than it has been for years.  
The potato crop is getting fairly & although  
we had an extraordinary dry season. Such  
harvest weather was never before seen here,  
it was all fine weather together.

Mrs. Randolph had a little daughter. They  
are both doing well. Mother is in good  
health. Myrinda Hamis is well, she had  
a little sickness this fall, but is better.

My own family are well. We had an addition  
of a daughter the day before the Prince arrived  
in Pictou. The little thing was well received  
by us all particularly as it was our first daughter.  
Your other friends are in general well.  
Mrs. Robson is very frail, Mr. & Mrs. Phair  
are both in their usual health.

We all send best respects to yourself  
Mr. & Mrs. Dawson

Yours truly  
John A. Dawson