

Letter  
L. H. H. H. H.  
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Dear Uncle

I received your kind note two weeks ago and would have written to you immediately after it but I waited to hear from my Mother as I know you were anxious to hear - I have just taken a letter out of the office from George and I will just transcribe his own statement about Mother's health. - "She has never been able to make any use of her leg in the way of walking or even to stand upon it - But at the same time through all summer she was wonderfully well in health - Since last fall she has been very frail and notwithstanding the warm winter season that we have, she requires the bed to be heated every three hours and the same help from medicine as during last winter, which during the last summer was seldom requisite. She is certainly very far from well yet Dr. Milne says she is not so ill as she thinks herself - she often speaks about you and asks me about writing, desires to be affectionately remembered to you, and asks an interest in your progress"

George remarks that last summer was the driest and hottest that ever minds of in Scotland and the winter up to the date of his letter had been extremely warm - the fields he says were greener than in June.

You asked about Sam Taylor, well he came back in the fall from Scotland apparently much better but since that time his health has declined and

He is now nearly as bad as ever, and takes too  
much drink as usual so that to all human  
appearance his days on earth may be few -  
The Taylor farm has been sold about new  
years day for 1200 £ to one Fraser from the W B  
East River who has been a contractor on the  
Rail Road and has made some money.  
The Widow Mrs David Taylor has moved into the Town  
to get her children schooled &c; I forgot to state  
in my last that Mr. Blackwood of Tatamagouche  
had departed this life. I forget what time he died  
but I think it was late in November -

Old Mrs Maxwell John's wife is dead and old Mrs  
Tanner died a few days ago - I do not remember of  
any other deaths but you will see the list as  
they occur in the Chronicle -

My family and Uncle Roberts people are all in their  
usual health - Thomas Campbell is in miserable  
health he is quite a cripple and unfit for any work -  
last month here has been extremely cold  
for two weeks at one time the Mercury was below zero  
every night, some nights 12 to 16 and 17 below it  
a rapid thaw commenced yesterday and nearly all  
ice snow and every thing of the kind has already disapp-  
=eared, but no doubt it will soon change again  
to cold. Business is very dull here indeed this winter  
the worst I ever saw it, and money is not to be got.  
You will have heard of Tom Grahams failure  
he puts a number of his friends in for sums varying  
from 2 to 600 £ to the extent in Pictou and New Glasgow  
of about 3000 £ - Poor John Ruppel Blacksmith  
loses 530 £ by him -