

Letter  
A. M. Phail  
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Dear Sir

I received yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. I am happy to learn that you are all well, and that your leg is pretty well though (not so strong) as the other. You alluded to the things sent up from Pictou in the Fall. Before Capt. Abour made his appearance, we had given up all hopes of any chance to Montreal, Abour called by chance and had no time to stop. I dispatched Edmund immediately to Barrys Mills for the Barley Meal but behold he had none on hand.

You may congratulate yourself that you have returned from business before

this miserable financial crisis  
and panic overtook the Comma-  
cial World. Perhaps this  
place feels it, less than any  
other on this continent. No  
person in Pictou as far as I am  
aware will have to stop or  
suspend. Mr <sup>Wm</sup> Graham  
New Glasgow was obliged to  
stop, he is the only one about  
this part of the Country. Trade  
is dull. John J. Paves is build-  
ing a small vessel, Capt Jas  
McKinnon is busy with a small  
one and Mr. Purves has re-  
sumed work on the one he com-  
menced last Winter. That  
is all the ship building ~~carried~~  
on at present in the vicinity.  
The price of provisions has  
declined here too. Flour 16/-

Outmeal 13/ to 14/- Potatoes  
2/- Mrs. McPhail will  
attend to your little orders in  
due time. Mr R. Dawson's  
family is well, if any thing he  
is rather better himself just now.  
Please make my compliments  
to Mr & Mrs Dawson

Remain  
Dear Sir  
Faithfully  
Yrs  
A. McPhail