



Pictou, December 27, 1834.

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These certify that, at the request of the Trustees of Pictou Academy, Mr J W Dawson, during the session of 1838-9, delivered a course of thirty two lectures on Natural History, in the Academy.

The lectures were attended to their close with increasing interest, by about forty persons, inhabitants of the town, as well as by pupils attending other classes in the Academy, who at the termination of the course testified their high gratification by unanimously passing a vote of thanks to Mr Dawson.

(Signed) Wm Jas Anderson
Secretary Pictou Academy

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 28th Dec, 1834

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John William Dawson Esq. has been long known to me, and has ever been and is now, highly esteemed for his gentle manners, sterling integrity and varied information.

Mr

Mr Dawson for several years held the office of Superintendent of Education, under the Government of which I was a member. In that capacity he visited the schools of New England and New York, and lectured upon education and agricultural chemistry in the chief towns of the province.

Mr Dawson's resignation of his place was reluctantly accepted by the Government, whose confidence and respect he still retains.

Mr Dawson's acquaintance with Geology and Natural history is extensive. His style as a lecturer is remarkably attractive, from its accuracy and precision.

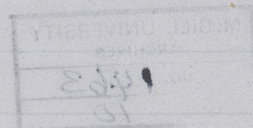
(Signed) Joseph Howe
Chairman of the Railway
Board - late Provin-
cial Secretary.

copy I Certify that J. Williams Dawson Esq., has been long known to me as a firm and enlightened believer in the great truths of our holy religion, a member of

The Presbyterian Church, and a loyal
subject of the British Crown; that he
is possessed of excellent qualities of
head and heart, is modest, humble
and sincere, as communicative and
agreeable as he is able and talented;
much courted and beloved in this
town of which he is a native, and
esteemed in the Province, which he
has laid under many obligations es-
pecially by his services in the cause
of education; and that in short,
if his life be spared, he is destined
to be useful and distinguished
wherever Providence may cast his
lot

(Signed) A. W. Herdman A. W.
Minister of Scotch Church

Durham Nova Scotia, }
28th Decr 1834 }





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