

Auburn, N.S.,
29th April, 1878.

Dr. J. W. Dawson,
Principal &c. McGill College,
Montreal

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge
with thanks the receipt on Saturday
of your esteemed letter of the
24th inst, and also of a copy of
your "Supplement."

The season is so "forward"
that we expect to begin exploring
this week; and I shall send
you from time to time such
facts or fossils as I think
will be of interest to you.

I can readily understand how taxing your college work must be at this time of year, but your Summer vacation, if I mistake not is near. May we expect you in this Province this year?

In conversation a few days since with an intelligent Prince Edward Islander, I learned that he had found coal in a Brook on the Island. As he is both trustworthy and intelligent I have a hope that his report may prove true. He it was who first discovered the coal east of Maccan in this County. He

has decided to visit the P.L.S.
locality in a month or two, and
make special search for a seam.
I have forgotten the exact place,
but he has promised to give me,
first of all, the result of his
further search; and as I know
such a discovery will be of
interest to you I shall lose no
time in communicating
with you on the subject.

Believe me

Yours very truly

E. N. Sharp

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