

^{Bellevue. The Kootenay}
Prison will bring this ^{matter} myself
have told him to wait on ^{the} ~~conductor~~ ¹⁸⁸⁸
McGill Normal School,
so that you can see him if you
please.

32 BELMONT STREET,

Montreal, April 21st 1888

Pr. & Sir Wm Dawson Esq.
L. S. & P. S. to &
Dear Sir,

Spies has been in
my judgment a shameful failure
of justice in the matter of the
robbery to which Mr Rankin alludes
in his letter, and for that failure
Mr Rankin is himself at least
partly responsible. His letter moves
my deep indignation. He slander-
ously affirms that of which he
has no knowledge.

Messrs Beattie and
Rankin had in their employ, and
have I believe still, a boy known

to us in the Model School as a
very bad boy, older than Brown &
experienced in wickedness. He had
been Brown's corruptor, and persuaded
Brown to go with him to rob his
master's safe. He opened the door,
brought Brown in, took down the
key of the safe from the nail on
which it hung, opened the safe,
opened the interior compartment
and brought out the Cash-Box. He
gave a part of the money to Brown
and kept the lion's share himself.
Then when caught he persuaded this
soft-headed employer that he
had been misled by Brown. Brown
with no one to plead for him is
sentenced to the Reformatory for
five years, and at the intercession
of his employer the far more
guilty Amfield is let off on

a suspended sentence, or something of that kind. But Messrs Rankin and Beattie should have been unwilling to press the charge too heavily against Amfield is natural enough, as they must have felt that they had by their carelessness, culpable carelessness, in the matter of the safe key, thrown a great temptation in the way of the son of a widow; but that they should have so readily consented to make Brown the scape-goat is creditable neither to their heads nor hearts, and that Mrs Rankin should have gone so far as to repeat Amfield's lies about Brown, to do the heart-broken father and mother as much wrong as he can, is absolutely inexcusable.

Mr Brown, I should say, told me the whole affair as soon as it came to his knowledge. I should have come to see you about it but you had gone to Quebec, and since your return I thought it unnecessary to make a special journey about it, but determined of course to tell you when I saw you. Yours truly
H. M. Pollock