

15 Aug. 1887.

Dear Father,

With regard to your inquiry I may say I do not know Mr. S. personally tho' I know him very well by name. He was a "Division Engineer" on the Intercolonial up to 1871 having charge of 22 miles in the swamps of New Brunswick near the Head Miramichi R. In 1871 he was promoted to ^{be} "District Engineer" of the Nova Scotia District, one of the 4 main sub-divisions of the line; & came then to be directly under Mr. Fleming the Chief Engineer. I think he ^{was} afterwards connected with the P. & I. Island Railway. I do not know anything of him previous to the Intercolonial days, but judge that he was not likely have much ~~of~~ any substantial educational advantages, as the principle on the I.C.R. was rather to "bring men up" on the practical

work. At present he is Chief Eng^r
of four Railways and stands side
by side with J. Page who is Chief
Eng^r of Canals — this is in the
"Department of Railways & Canals",
which is quite distinct & under
a separate Minister to the "Dep^t
of Public Works" of which H. F. Perley
is Chief Eng^r. In the Dep^t of R^{'ys}
& Canals, J. H. Pope is Minister &
T. Trudeau, Deputy; to whom I suppose
he is directly responsible. (I find this
informⁿ in the "Canadian Almanac"
for this year which I found in your
library.) He has had nothing to do
with the C. P. R. so far as I know,
except to receive at his office official
copies of our location & land plans
of which duplicates are returned to
us for record signed by his Deputy.
This is necessary of course before ex-
propriations can take place. We
have had more to do with Page, in
obtaining approval of our designs for

crossing Canals & navigable Rivers.

Mr. Schreiber is a "Member of Council" in our Canadian Society,

If this information is not sufficient for your purpose, I feel sure that Mr. Sanford Fleming will be able to give you his whole history. I think also that Bovey will be likely to have some record of him in the Society's Books; but I do not know whether these sources of information will be available in the circumstances.

I will of course say nothing about it as you ask; but with a little inquiry I dare say I will find out more.

I feel very glad of the increase of salary, as we will now at least be able to make both ends meet; especially with \$100⁰⁰ a quarter less rent.

Your affectionate son

William.

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