

Thorn
Dec 93

Pictou Dec 13/93
Dear Friend

Your letter
of Nov 3rd, with five
dollars enclosed towards
the Cemetery fund was
duly received. You will
think it strange that I
did not acknowledge such
before now. At the time
it came I was on a visit
to my daughter Bessie at
Sackville N. B. & after I came
home became unwell & was
unable to attend to business
until now. Thus my son
did not give me the letter

until yesterday. I at once
sent the money down to
Mr John Munroe Secty & Treasurer
of the Cemetery for which
he wishes me to tender you
the thanks of the Committee.
The lot will always be
attended to & looked after.
I have been troubled with
a weak stomach for some
time & being fairly worn
down. I had to lay up
for a time. I Am now
better but still somewhat
weak, I had the doctor
examining all my organs,
& he says they are all in
good condition, the only
weak spot being my stomach
& that by attention to my
diet, it will soon become

strong. We are all glad to hear
that you & Mrs S. are enjoying
fairly good health. & hope
the same may continue.
We have a very open fall
& the harbor is still open,
but as things now look,
we will soon have winter
in earnest. & the sooner the
better. So long as we have
plenty show, for that is
what we want, such mild
snows winter. As we have
had for a number of years
are bad for the country,
& injure the prospects for
good hay crops, & that is
what our farmers depend on
most. Howard & Clarence
Pinnose are both well.
Mrs Howard is not strong &

Does not go out much
Some Mr. Aulay is real
well & is constantly on
the move. he is often
at my house, he takes a great
interest in watching my son
Scott working at his business,
dressing & setting up birds, beasts,
&c. You may remember I am
followed the same business
myself years ago, he says
that Scott is master of the
business & he should be a
good judge. Scott lately
set up a magnificent Moose
head for La & M. Guger N.P.P.
N. Glasgow, it was shot down
in St Marys. The antlers were
an enormous size measuring
about five & a half feet from
tip to tip of horns. he made

a grand job of it, he
killed a Pelican this
Summer, it was shot over
by Picton Island, having
strayed there by some means,
it was the second of them
ever seen here, it is an
ugly looking bird, but an
oddity. There have been
ducks all over the Maritime
provinces this year, but
fortunately the crops in
general have been good.
The hay crop in our County
was small, but the grain
crops were good & the straw
clean & heavy, the potatoe
crop was also large, although
the bugs were numerous.
Our people are leaving
our Country in large numbers
for the last few years, there

bring no inducement for
them to remain, our non
iron number nearly a
thousand less than it did
ten years ago, which is a
bad state of matters. We
want freer trade with
the U. States & we all think
it is coming. If you went
through our County you
would be sorry for the number
of farms with no one to
work them, the windows
of the houses boarded up
& every thing apparently
going to waste. Most
of our people go to the
States & most of them do
well, & it is fortunate they
can go some where to better
their condition. We all hope

That before long this State
of matters will change
& inducement will be held
out to our young men
to come back. Our County
is a good one, but our
Trade Laws are bad
& we are badly governed.
The burdens on the people
by way of taxes are too
heavy, & there has been
no market for our products.
A few in our Dominion
are becoming Millionaires &
the people in general are
becoming poor, & this
must be changed, before
things will be better,
& we all have hopes that
this change is coming. Mrs
Lawson joins me in

Kind regards to yourself
& Mrs Dawson & wishing
you the Compliments of
the New Year now close
at hand

I remain
Yours Truly
Wm A Dawson

