

Pictou August 16, 1872

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Dear Margaret,

I received by last Packet a letter from Mr Bell, informing me of Marion's marriage, and of other things interesting to me give him my thanks for his kindness in attending to McLuwons claim. He also informs me that you intended to write a slip to put into his letter. I hope that you will now write a long letter instead.

I have been travelling a little more than usual since I last write, About four weeks ago I went to Prince Edwards Island, one of the most beautiful countries in the British Provinces, and particularly remarkable for its woods being more like those of British parks than any others that I have seen.

On returning from this I accompanied a Picnic party to Caribou Harbour, near Pictou. My object however was to collect shells & fossils, and as soon as the lander from the Steam boat, I left the party and



managed to do 4 or 5 miles of walking  
along the coast, at the expense of being  
called unsocial by some of the ladies; perhaps  
if you had been there I might have  
done otherwise unless you would go shell-  
collecting too; however I did not say so to  
them, and, to speak the truth, there were plenty  
of ladies there pretty to look at, and pleasant to  
speak to. In a few days afterwards, Mayall  
the geologist and his wife, who have  
been travelling over the U.S. States, arrived in  
Pictou. After showing him some of our  
most interesting places near Pictou, I went  
with him, at his own request, to some  
other parts of the province, and enjoyed  
a week's very pleasant & instructive travelling,  
particularly on the River St. Lawrence where  
we boated along at the foot of cliffs 150 feet  
high, and on a river whose tides rise 40 feet,  
and rush up and down like a mill-race.  
The white gypsum cliffs crowned with  
beautiful green woods, and founded  
~~by~~ darker sandstone rocks, form some  
of the ~~best~~ most beautiful river scenery that



I have ever seen. Its geological interest was also very great.

We have all been well, and have had a remarkably fine summer, warmer than any for at least 13 years past. Among my other employments for spare time I have been writing one or two articles for a Halifax newspaper, a copy of which, if I can procure it, I will send you. They are terribly spoiled however in some places by mistakes in printing.

I hope that before this reaches you, you will have received my box in safety, Marion's or Mrs Amroses you will now have to send a little farther than I expected when I prepared it, but you can easily manage that. If they do not arrive safely, be sure to inform me of the extent of the damage, and above all write to me as soon as they arrive. I am beginning to long very much for



for a letter from you and although  
I know that you will likely be very  
busy, I hope that you will take a little  
time to give me the pleasure of receiving one  
Give my best wishes to Marion, your father

and mother and all other friends  
and assure them of my constant remem-  
brance of their kindness to me  
Yours affectionately  
J. Dawson



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