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Back lands, alias Middle settlement
alias Upper settlement south R, alias Mount Pleasant

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Dear Margaret

I left Antigonish this morn-
ing at 9 o'clock. The day was very
warm, so that I travelled slowly,
and reached Mr Henderson's at about
2 o'clock. I am now domiciled
here for a few days and will
commence digging to morrow. I
have hired two men and chosen
my place for working. I expect to
get two more men in the morn-
ing. The people are all very anx-
ious to depart, and I hope when
I write again to give you news of some success

I had no adventure on the road,
except at a bridge near Smith R.
On reaching it I found a man
with his horse tied to a fence, and
looking in a perplexed sort of manner
at a great hole in the bridge. I
found that some drunken rascals,
like for mere mischief, had
lifted three or four planks at each
end and had tumbled them into
the bottom of the ravine. So the
other traveller and I had to drag
them up and put them in their
places before we could get over.

There was no fire on the
road except a mere turf between

Antgomery and South R, and on
approaching and ascending these
hills, I was pleased to find much
less drought. The ground being moist
the fields green and the crops
comparatively strong.

I write now because I intend
to send back the horse I bought
here to Monday, and may perhaps
not have another chance before the
Wednesday. If I have I will write

I fear I shall ruin you with
postage - but perhaps it may be
several days before I can write
again. Rest assured that I am come
partially here. Best love to father mother &
little ones
Your affectionate husband
W. Dawson