

Fredericton N.B.

December 28<sup>th</sup> 1883

Dear Br. Harrington,

The New Year is always a great occasion for turning over a new leaf, so I am writing to the many friends I have neglected during the past year; yourself among others - I have however some excuse for my remissness; viz, that I have been continually on the move & often where pens ink & paper were scarce -

On leaving Montreal I decided on bringing Mrs. Brant down here as we know so many inhabitants of the "Celestial City", I then ran down to N. Scotland

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& explored some of their wonderful  
gold mines. After that I went  
to Boston, from there to Chicago  
& up to Winnipeg, I then made  
my way to the Bow River Cattle  
districts, not being very favorably  
impressed with the business as  
it is conducted so far north.  
I made my way down to  
Montana & saw a great many  
mines & Metallurgical Works  
and made up my mind  
to stick to Assaying as a  
business. I have seen good  
accounts from Calgary that  
I intend starting an Assay  
office there this spring -  
I got back here by the  
middle of September & joined

Jacks surveying party for the  
interior of N.B. we were away  
five weeks a had many strange  
& wonderful adventures.

"Newspaper account enclosed"

I have taken every opportunity  
of keeping up my Chemistry  
arrangin, Blowpiping, I like  
the work immensely & only  
wish I had taken to it  
a few years before I did -

I see by the papers that  
Br. Dawson is in England  
so I suppose you were  
even harder worked than  
last year? Where did you  
go during the hot weather?

Mr Bramble wants me to  
take a place & furnish it for  
him either in Montreal or  
Toronto, I don't think the  
N. W. much of a place  
for ladies, or indeed any  
one who minds roughing  
it - with best wishes for  
a prosperous New Year for  
yourself & Mr Harrington for  
Mr Bramble as well as myself  
believe me

sincerely we

C. Bramble