

Lewis ton
Jan 24th 1845

D^r Harrington,
Montreal

Dear Sir,

As promised I beg to drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting on here and also to ask your advice as to whether you would advise me to stay here or not. —

My duties here are to attend to the Fort Office. Mr. Craig (the Agent) being chiefly engaged in the Passengers Dept. I have a young man aged 17 to help me, the work is not difficult, at present the traffic is small but next month expect to be very busy in shipping Lumber Cotton &c. I like the Agent Mr. C. very much, he is a Canadian from London. Last week

he wrote to Mr. Spicer in
a very flattering manner about
me and asked him what
Salary I was to receive here
Yesterday he had a reply
in which Mr. Spicer ^{said} that I
was to receive \$500⁰⁰ in W. S. C.
for the present until he saw how
I was to get on which would
make my Salary equal to what
I had in N. B. S. viz. \$462⁰⁰
in gold. I am disappointed in
Mr. Spicer as he promised to
give me a rise when I came
here. Board & Clothing is
dearer here than in Canada.
I cannot say that I like
the Yankees as well as I
do the Canadians, their principal
aim in life seems to be to make
Money, there is no Society
here, Lewiston is a
Factory town there being
employed in the mills here

about 2000 People. The
River Androscoggin divides Lewis
from "Suburb Loveliest Village
of the Plains" where I board
I think that I mentioned to
you that Mr. Angus of the
B.R. of Montreal offered me
a situation in the B.R.
worth about the same salary
as I had in St. Johns.

I shall be glad to get
your opinion as to what
I should do under the
circumstances. I send you
one of our Papers. I hope
you were able to get to
New York & that you
enjoyed yourself when there
I kindly remember me to Mr. Seymour
& hoping to hear from
you when you have a
little leisure. —
Yours truly
J. N. Brown

P.S. Happy New Year