

Pictou, February 5th 1849.

My Dear George Anna & Millie

I am going to write you one letter which will have to answer for all inclining

I received letters from you all a short time before New Years day I was very happy to receive your letters I think you are improving much in your writing and if you continue to improve you will be soon able to write a very good letter

I almost envy you the pleasant music which you have this winter and should like to step in some evening and enjoy it along with you but the distance will not admit of it at present. George will not have forgotten us nor Pictou yet as he was here so lately but little Millie and Anna have almost I am sure by this time

by way of reminding you I will give you a little news of about your friends. All the little Poperes are very well and little Bobby and Bessie are growing nicely they do not as to any

School but get their lessons from
Clara, and little Mary Harris is even
quite a smart girl she does a great
deal of make believe sewing she is
not very particular whether she has
a pin needle or one with an eye.
one day when I seen her she was
very busy indeed but her work did
not come to much as her needle
was a pin. Her Aunt Maggie has
gone to Scotland and Mary says she
is going to bring her a ring to put
on her thumb, they have another baby
over there little George Cross and poor
little fellow he makes a great deal of
music although I must say it is not
very sweet, George Johnson and Maud
are both very well they are going to
school. George is getting to be quite a
tall boy Miss Penton who used
to teach you has commenced a
School here in Town she has only
a few Schollers but she expects to
have more very shortly she seems to like
it very much

You have never told me anything about
the Hens I would like to know how
they are getting on our Hens have
begun laying some nice Fresh Eggs
we have just 4 Hens & ~~2~~ Roosters
Mrs R. Savoie has 10 Hens & Roosters

The Winter has been very cold & stormy
with us I dearsay you have your share
of cold as well as ourselves One day
a short time ago I seen a Sleigh
rightly past the Shop very fast with a
poor little boy dragging after it on
the ground they got the Horse to stop
and the Boy loosed from it it appears
he had been venting a Sleigh Ride and
stuck on behind but his clothes had
got entangled in the Back part of
the Sleigh but they stopped the Horse
and had him disentangled but I was
very sorry for him as he limped very
much little boys & Girls are very
often placing themselves in the way
of danger by their thoughtlessness
our House appears as quite and dull as possible

Grandpa & Charles are out to a bible Socy
Meeting and here I sit in your old
Parlour with out a sound but
the Small Clock tick. tick. ticking
may telling me that time is passing
away and that perhaps the time may
come when I may see all your
dear familiar Faces once more I
look forward with pleasure to seeing
you perhaps next Summer. I hope
if your Papa comes he will not
come alone. I should like the
Cold dreary Winter all over and
the pleasant Spring to return once
again. I desire you will be very
busy making your Gardens by that time
I was in hopes of getting a nice supply
of Flower Seeds and to send you a part
for your Gardens, but do you know what the
People who were to send the Flowers & other
Seeds did. Why instead of doing as they
were told by Grandpa sending them by the Steamer,
they shipped them by a Vessel to Portland, supposing
that they would be quite near us. I think that
these People at Home should learn Geography better
at least that of America do not you I cannot
tell you when they can be brought from
there, whether in time for Spring sowing or not
but I must now conclude by love to you all
not forgetting Miss Bell Yours Truly Anna