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Dear George

I received your letter the other day, from Pembina. I am intending to go to Cape Breton this summer, or rather for the summer, and am to be on the Sidney & Louisburg Ry. Papa wrote to Gisborne, who is at the head of the affair, to ask if I could get a situation on the line. He

said that all the positions
were filled but that if
I liked to come down
that he would pay my
expenses from the time of
my arrival there. This was
not much of an offer, but
as I am entirely unknown
to him and only want
employment for the
summer, I suppose it is
as much as could be
expected. I think however
when I get there I will
be able to get better terms,
but however that may be
it will be very good practise
& I needn't stay longer than to

I choose on the offer he
has made. Hill & Burchell
who were here at College last
session are on the line. I
am getting a Theodolite
made at Ross's, so that
but I ~~have not~~ will not be
able to start before the
end of this week. It is to
be an American transit
with all the latest improvements
& Papa is going to give it
to me as a birthday present
I could not have got away
in any case before the end
of this week if I want to
go by boat which is much
to be preferred when I have to

take an instrument. The
ice bridge has just broken
the other day & in doing so
damaged the G. P. S. S. Co's boats
so that the "Secret" which should
sail tomorrow cannot go till
Thursday. The "Miramichi"
leaves Quebec on Saturday, &
I think I will go by her.

On Sunday the 3rd the
gnats made their first appearance
and, & the Maples came into
blossom.

Please excuse this note in
all respects as I am very tired
and hardly know what I
am writing.

Believe me your
affectionate brother

William.