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Pictou 14th Aug 1860

Dear Sir

I doubt not but you have been missing the Eastern Chronicle for some time past. The reason why it has not been sent lately is this. Edmund is now in Halifax in an Iron Foundry as natural, home and its associations are yet fresh in his memory therefore he is most anxious to learn the weekly news of Pictou and before I am aware of it the Eastern Chronicle is on the way to Halifax. I am afraid that at first, this will be some disappoint

ments to you, for I am persuaded
that you will not soon lose your
interest in Pictou, having spent
on it the principal ^{part} of your life.

If you direct me I shall request
the Publisher to mail a paper to
your address.

I am desired by
Mrs Wepthail to mention that she
received from you in the Fall a Note
in reference to Indian Quill Boxes
& to my certain knowledge she has
been using her best endeavours to pro-
cure them but has been hitherto un-
successful. When she talks to the
Squaws on the ~~the~~ subject they de-
clare their inability owing to the scar-
city of Porcupine Quills, she thinks
it will be impossible to procure them

before the close of the navigation
She has had a letter from you
lately concerning other matters, she
bids me say that she ^{will} attend to
your directions, and that the ar-
ticles will be forwarded by Capt
Dawson according to your request

We are in our usual state
of health, John has chosen the sea
as his field of action and to all
appearance a sea life will be his
vocation, he has been this summer
in the Coal trade Mate of a ves-
sel belonging to Mr John Ives
sailed last Saturday on his fourth
voyage this season. Mr Robert
Dawson is at present, apparently
in better health than for a long

time past he is going about & fre-
quently crosses the Harbour in the
Ferry Boat his daughter Mrs Scotty
is with them and has, I believe, a be-
neficial influence on him; the rest
are all quite well Mrs McKinlay
has been very unwell but is now
recovering.

Please offer compliments
in which I am joined by Mrs McPhail
to Dr Dawson and his Lady, we
always rejoice to hear of their well
being.

Remain
Dear Sir

Sincerely yours

Thos McPhail

John
McPhail
12 Aug 1860