

Letter Agnes  
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Much of us in Rotterdam but I believe is a very good man. John is very busy indeed at present. They have two vessels on fire of 1600 Tons and are building. The large one is now pretty well up in Gronne. The same firm who purchased the Look Large one here wished to have this one also on the same terms and although timber is exceedingly difficult to be had for these large ships and very expensive also. But I think they intend to accept the offer if I mistake not it was nine Pound fifteen Shillings which John does not think worthy extra as wages are stop up which also adds to the expense. The last Large ship built by them was very much admired and regarded a good deal of talk on this side of the water and the other also. Thank you for your kind wishes for our success. I think they will have



a third one also before spring  
as they wish to smoke "Hay white like  
Sun Shines". I have heard from  
Pictou lately. Mrs. Robinson's people  
are doing very well in their business  
this summer and have a good  
run of customers. There is still  
a talk of Boppies being married  
but times have been pretty dull  
this summer for the merchants there  
I do not think that persons after  
doing business <sup>here</sup> would like very much  
beginning there as they have not got  
the way of carrying on a business  
in the very spirited manner they do  
in other places. But still I have  
a liking for Pictou people and  
Pictou more than any other place  
but last summer I did not think  
nearly so much of it as I expected to do  
and was quite delighted to get back here  
the longer I remain here the more I like  
both the place and people and I may  
say the "birds have fallen to my in pleasant place  
for I have enjoyed both health and happiness  
while I have been here which is now over three  
years John joins me in love to you all  
Give my kind regards to Mrs. Lawson & Mother  
Mrs. & must be very busy now as her family are  
increasing Yours Very sincerely. Thomas

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Dear Uncle it gave me much  
pleasure to receive your kind letter  
and learn that all was well with  
you. I had a hope last season  
that I might have seen you all  
this summer but now the season  
for travelling for this season has  
closed and I must give up that  
hope for this year. But if we  
are all spared and nothing prevents  
it will give me much pleasure  
to go on some little excursions  
next Jan. John is very willing to for-  
sake me to go either to Pictou or  
Canada or both next summer  
and would like exceedingly to go  
on himself also but is afraid  
that he will be able to have  
only a run on to Pictou as they  
made him promise to go there if  
he is spared. I do not know how  
we may arrange matters yet but I  
was thinking that you might perhaps  
take a trip on this way early in  
the season and after spending a while

go to Picton in Company with us  
and after spending a while there  
I would return to Montreal with  
you by the Lady Head but at all  
events I hope we will have it ar-  
ranged so that we may meet again  
next Summer if spared if you  
come this way ~~we~~ do bring George with  
you if you can get his Parents to  
consent I would like so much  
to have him here for a while again

We have been very well here  
and have had Thomas Lister (who  
lived with us before) for some  
time but she will remain <sup>with us</sup>  
untill next Summer anyway  
and perhaps longer which makes  
it quite pleasant as she is company  
for me such a great assistance  
also. We have had visits or  
calls from quite a number  
of Picton People. Rev James  
McGee was on here for  
a day or so on his way to New  
to preach for Mr Johnston he  
attended a few words to us at a  
Prayer Meeting but was not thought