

Letter - Agnes) Saint. John. December 4th
14 Dec 1868
Dear Uncle

I take the opportunity
this cold morning to write you a
few lines. We were very much pleased
to receive your kind letter some
little time ago and learn that
you were all in good health
and still are able to go round
and enjoy yourself among your
family. There has been much
sickness and many deaths in
Saint John for some time but
now I am happy to say there
is in general good health here and
the benefit of the Pop is now quite
away which after some time past
mad much trouble and caused
many deaths. Times are now
looking better than they have been
for years and nothing is wanting
but lumber to give work to
men and we are in hopes that
that want will soon be supplied.
Our folks are working busily
in the field they have now

between Co. & Co. Men at work
I believe they have had some
difficulty in getting timber to
suit and the little stock in
the market had to be purchased
at a high figure. I think
if I mistake not that they have
concluded to accept the offer
mad. for the largest ~~one~~ now on
hand by the same firm who
purchased the last large one.
Some parties here were wishing
to purchase the smaller one
now on also but they have ^{not} come
to any terms yet. He have
been in very good health
this winter ^{for} which we have cause
to be thankfull. John had
one of his fingers very much
swelled the other day the nail
is almost off and he may
lose some off the top although
I trust not we have reason
to be thankfull it is no worse
He has not been laid up but

is always able to be in the Field
with it looking after the business
We are both pleased with the
prospect of having a visit from
you. I expect I shall and trust
nothing will prevent it if we
are all spared. John intends
going on to Picton next summer
but I expect that will be all
he will be able to accomplish

but as you said all these
matters regarding further arrangements
can be made as the time
draws nearer. I observe by last
Weeks Paper the death of Mrs
Mary Ann Poole. I am glad she has
had a long illness but I
trust all was well at the
last and that all her
afflictions were counteracted
to her. I have not yet heard
any particulars about her death
but I believe it has been
long looked for her loss
will miss her very much

When I look back and remember that
such unbroken happy ~~happily~~ ~~broken~~ of
and true ~~spirit~~ and the ~~largest~~
members ^{now removed} reminds us of the necessity
of all things here ~~seen~~ below. We had
a day of thanksgiving here yesterday and
sermons in the different churches we went
to Church in the morning and in the
afternoon had a little Slips Ride
We are spending the winter evening
very pleasantly so far. Sometimes
with a friend or two along with us
and there are also a great number
of lectures to attend to also sometimes
one two and three in one week
We had Mr. Duffer whose lecture
was very well received and Dr. New-
comb. We expect Mr. Sedgwick
from New-England shortly to deliver
one or two lectures and ~~and~~ also
to remain to preach over Sabbath
we ~~would~~ look forward to having
a treat in hearing him as it give
~~my~~ ~~sure~~ ~~to~~ ~~hear~~ ~~one~~ ~~from~~
his place than from any of the lecturers
here. As this year is now nearly closing
allow me to wish you very ~~and~~
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year and every Merry returns of the
same. Your ~~truly~~ ~~one~~ ~~in~~ ~~but~~ ~~Yours~~
Thomas