

From Ruth Brown to Sir C. Lyell  
Cape Breton

Sydney Mines

Cape Breton

1 Jan 1855

My dear Sir Charles

I have just learned  
from Mr. Dawson of  
Pictou that he is a  
candidate for the  
Chair at Edinburgh  
vacant by the lamented  
death of Professor Forbes.  
I have known Mr.  
Dawson many years  
and have no hesitation

Letter to Darwin  
24 Dec 1855

in stating that he is  
a most-exemplary  
young man in every  
relation of life -  
With respect to his  
geological attainments  
no one can speak  
better to the purpose  
than yourself - He  
has been employed by  
the Provincial Government  
and at various times  
by the General Mining  
Association in making

Geological Explorations  
- essays &c. which he  
has invariably conducted  
with most praiseworthy  
zeal & intelligence -

I cannot but regret  
his departure from  
this Province but at  
the same time shall  
rejoice to hear of his  
succeeding in obtaining  
so honorable a position  
as the one he is now  
looking for - If you

think my humble  
testimony wote be of  
my service to him  
may make use of it  
as you think best -  
I believe me always  
very respectfully yours  
Nick. Brown

Sir Chas. Lyell

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