

Pictou 24th July 1874

D. Dawson -

My dear Sir

I intend sending my two daughters Annie (18^{yrs}) & Mary (15^{yrs}) to school for the winter and thought of asking you if you would be kind enough to send me some information respecting such a school as you might think suitable, in Montreal, for them to go to. They have had such advantages as the Pictou Academy afforded under the direction of Messrs Bayne & McKenzie where the usual English Branches were taught and they have both been taught French to a limited extent. I am anxious now to afford them an opportunity of acquiring more knowledge and refinement of taste and manners. Annie seems to have a faculty for Music and Mary for drawing and I should like to have these cultivated. There is a good Boarding School in St. John, I am

told. under the Charge of Mrs. Crane
and I may send the children there
but before doing so I thought I would
take the liberty of asking you about
the desirability of sending them to
Montreal. Would you then be good
enough to send me the Calendar of
such an establishment as you
would recommend. if there be such
in Montreal. I suppose there will
not be much time to lose in de-
ciding as it is likely the term
will commence early in Sept^r
next. I intended to have mention-
ed this subject to you on your arrival
here and had I known it was prob-
-able your visit would be deferred I
should have written before this. I
feel in doing so, I am transgressing
the rules of propriety but in such
a matter one is tempted to go great
lengths to secure the best results and
so I trust you will pardon me

