

Green Hill, Boston

11th Sept 1846.

Dear Dr Dawson

I received your note with
enclosure for which I am much obliged

I am obliged by your offer of some
thing on the Physical Geography, Minerals
and Geology of the county. I will be glad
to have any information of the kind specially
relating to this county. I have endeavoured
to give an account of any physical changes
that I know of that have taken place within
the historical period — not as a geologist
would learn by observation, but as they
are reported by tradition, or are described
from memory. From the various writings on
the Geology and mines, I have prepared an
account of the coal fields sufficiently accu-
rate not to offend a scientific man, and
yet sufficiently plain to give an intelligent
ordinary reader an idea of them. Mr
Hilpin has promised an account of the
shoals. But any other information

you may have on the subjects mentioned I will be glad to receive. I desire to make the work complete, as to every thing peculiar to Putow County. (Can you lay your hand on Mr Poole's Meteorological Tables, I would like first to note such points as its mean and extreme temperatures as compared with other points. This however I think I can get in Halifax.) Even the fact in its Natural History of the introduction and spread of "Stinking Willie" I do not intend to overlook. Can you give me his botanical name

I called on Mr. Dickson, but did not find him at home, but got a pretty full account of the origin and early progress of the Temperance Cause in Putow from Mr. Stephens, who is now well, after having had a narrow escape of being killed by a tree falling on his head at a fire.

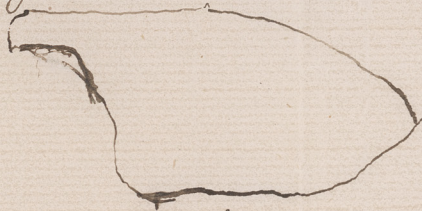
With kind remembrances to Mr. Dawson and with thanks for your offer of help

I remain

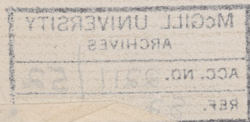
Sincerely Yours

George Patterson

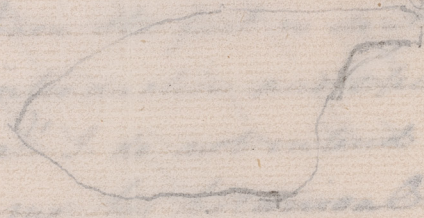
I almost forgot to mention that I visited the old Indian cemetery at Meagomish, but found it covered with wheat, so that I could make but few explorations. I did however get a few things. One was a copper knife of entirely different shape from any that I previously had. I give the outline of it



I mentioned to you before of my finding indications of the action of fire, but thought it possible that they might have been from the burning of piles in clearing the land. In the little exploration that I made I saw clear evidence of ~~cones~~ burning in connection with the animal remains. But I hope to examine the matter yet a little more carefully



Rev. J. Patten
Sept 26



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Dr. Honeyman's paper was well received.

It was marked by the industry, truthfulness and personal inspection that are always found in his papers. It produced a lively discussion, in which many gentlemen present took part. Rev. Mr. Forrest, having presented to the Museum his collection of stone arrow heads, and chips of stone left in making them, obtained by himself at Lunenburg, Dr. Gilpin exhibited them with the whole collection now owned by the Museum, calling the attention of the meeting to the immense quantity of chips—some bushels at least—and all of agates, jaspers, quartz and coarse cornelians, now found in the trap of the Bay of Fundy, from which they must have been brought—to the great beauty and sameness of the arrow heads, showing as it were a professional character in them and the work of the same hands. He exhibited one half finished and rather large arrow of polished quartzite. This was the second he had ever seen in Nova Scotia, and was significant, as the celt or polished weapon was considered a mark of greater civilization than the chipped one. He also exhibited copper needles, set in handles of wood, and what seemed copper knives, made from native copper, also found on the Bay of Fundy. This seemed as if when the iron age overtook our Indian, he unconsciously was standing on the dawn of the bronze age. Rev. Mr. Forrest, who was present, described the sea beach where he found them, and graphically told of the circles of chips, still on the sand, some of agates, and some of jaspers and quartz, still showing where the ancient arrow-maker sat at his work, and still indicating the stone he worked upon.

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given them at the station. If their tale is correct the contractor is to blame, as more men are out of employment than could undertake this and any other public works now spoken of.

An explosion of gas took place last night in a saloon on Craig Street, seriously injuring the proprietor, Mr. Parquette.

Forty deaths from small-pox have taken place in this city, of whom 44 (?) were French Canadians and one an Irish Protestant from Upper Canada, during the past month.

Flour dull. Money quiet. Stocks dull.

Customs receipts \$2468.

Provincial News.

(From the Bridgetown Monitor.)

ACCIDENT.—On Thursday of last week a child of Mr. Ingram Fitch, Clarence, of the age of 5 years, had two fingers chopped off entirely, and nearly the little finger of the right hand, by an older brother. The little fellow was pushing sticks on a block to be cut off by his brother when the accident occurred.

(From the Truro Sun.)

A fatal accident occurred on the night of the 15th November, near the village of Ferndale, Humboldt Co., California, by which Mr. Jessie Smith, son of the late R. H. Smith of Halifax Road, near Truro, lost his life. Returning from Ferndale, when within a short distance of his stopping place, the night being very dark, his express ran against an embankment and he was thrown off and instantly killed. He leaves a widow and two children, with numerous friends and acquaintances to mourn their loss.

(From the Kentville Western Chronicle).

PRESENTATION.—At a regular communication of Kentville Lodge No. 58, R. N. S., Bro. Past Master John P. Chipman was presented with a handsome jewel. The presentation address was read by Bro. Henry Shaw, to which Bro. Chipman responded.