

as terminated, if I would accept another position in the District.

On the contrary the conditions on which the offer was made were that I should enter upon a new contract dating from May 1st. You having decided that the existing one did not then terminate, I confess I do not clearly see how I could sign a new one.

Moreover, I made the agreement, not to take charge of any School in the District, but to teach the 7th Grade, in answer to the advertisement which I have copied, and the original here in my possession. There is only one 7th grade in the District, that at present under my charge. Yours, etc.,

[Signed] MARY LAWSON.

WANTED—A Principal to take charge of the High School Departments, Newcastle, Miramichi. References required, &c. Also a Female Teacher, qualified to teach the 7th Grade. References required. Engagements to date from 1st May.

CHARLES MARSHALL, Sec'y to Trustees.

March 8th, 1883.

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FREDERICTON, N. B., April 27th, 1885.

*Miss Mary Lawson, Teacher, Newcastle, N. B.*

DEAR MADAM: In reply to your favor of the 25th inst., I beg to state that I did not misunderstand your former communication of the 18th inst. The action of the Trustees in offering to retain your services till Dec. 31st, without any change in your salary, virtually revoked their notice of dismissal. You have no claim, according to your contract (nor is any contract drawn up for a Special Department or Grade), upon the Trustees to be continued in a special department.

It is true you applied to an advertisement for a Teacher for Grade VII., but your contract does not specify any Department, and very properly so, for it has frequently been deemed advisable to transfer Teachers from one grade to another, or even to a different School. You do not require to sign any new contract, but if you refuse to take charge of Standard V., or any other Standard or School, which the Trustees may assign to you, you have not, as stated in my letter of 20th inst., to you, any further claim upon them.

Please read this communication to Mr. Fowler, who has written to me on the same subject. I am,

[Signed] Yours truly,  
WM. CROCKET, Chief Supt. Education.

P.S.—I have forwarded a copy of the above to the Trustees. [Signed] W.C.

In conclusion, we wish to urge upon the ratepayers who are lovers of fair play, justice and generosity, the necessity of their taking in future a greater interest in school matters than has heretofore been manifested by the public of Newcastle. At the Annual School Meetings there are generally but very few present, and thus the Trustees are allowed to do as they please, elect whom they please to act with them on the Board, and