

Flour rates & flour rates from £2 per cwt<sup>4</sup>  
to £4 6s to 11 pence per stone, butter  
1/2 per lb; beef 8 pence per lb; eggs

9 1/2 per dozen: potatoes from 4 pence  
to 6 pence per stone: oatmeal 1/9  
per stone: flour 2/6 per stone:

India Meal 1/2 per stone

and other markets and commodities  
in proportion: pork rates from 1/10  
to £2. 5 per cwt. I made inquiry  
concerning your age, and William

Harper that lived in the Island  
told me more than sisters could.

he says your age is 63 now at

Candlemas (next month) Write immediately  
on receipt of this. I remain your ever loving  
brother till death: Edward Harper.

Garlanigan, Newtown Stewart  
Co Tyrone, Ireland,

29 January, 1872

Dear Brother

In reply to your letter  
dated 25 ultimo, which I received  
this day two weeks, I have to inform  
that it found us in the enjoyment  
of good health, thank God for his  
kind mercies. We are very glad to  
hear that you and family and  
all our friends as far as you are  
acquainted are still alive and  
well. On the day after I received  
your letter I went to visit with  
Sisters Jane and Olivia the day

after I received your letter and stopped  
two days, I left your letter and  
address with them and told them  
they might write to you, so I do not  
know whether they may or not.

Sister Jane is well and is living in  
the house with her son in law her  
sons James and Hugh are dead.  
John is in Montreal (Lower Canada)  
Hamilton is in Scotland, and her  
daughters are <sup>all</sup> married. Malinda's  
husband is the name of Woods  
Olivia's husband is Edward Noble.  
Mary Jane's husband is the name  
of Irwin. Sister Olivea and  
husband are well and are

living in the house with her son.  
Charles and daughter in law  
her sons Thomas and Robert are  
living convenient to them I think  
it very strange that there is no account  
from William and James I feel  
very uneasy concerning them it is  
rather disheartning not to be getting  
letters from them occasionally.

I have still the intention of going  
out to that country next May,  
and I hope we shall all live to meet  
there. Times are very good in this  
country at present for the farming  
class, land produce brings in a  
very good return. Cattle of all  
description are selling pretty high