

H. John
Newfoundland

Dec^r 14th 1872

Dear Doctor,

In the "Canadian Naturalist" for March 1870, in an article on "The Birds of Newfoundland" by Henry Keeble, I observe the following statement:—"In some places I have also seen as good a surface show of petroleum oil as in the well-known oil-regions of Pennsylvania". The writer unfortunately does not say where he saw these indications of oil, but he seems to have spent his time mostly on the West Coast.

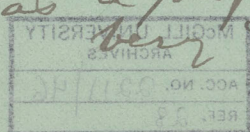
I presume it is to that
part of the island he refers.
Various rumours are afloat
here of oil having been
seen in the same quarter.
A friend of mine to whom
I showed the passage, and
who is interested in
oil, is very anxious to
communicate with
Mr Peck on the subject,
as he thinks he thinks of ex-
ploring there next year.

I shall esteem it a great
favour if you will be
so kind as to inform me
whether you know Mr
Peck's address, or any
channel through which
a letter would be likely
to reach him.

Several Canadians
have been here lately
taking out licenses for
the purpose of searching

for coal in St George's
Bay - also speculating in
lumbering. Our island is
at length beginning to
attract attention, and I
think I may claim the
credit of making it known.
I have just finished a
series of four articles on
"The West Coast of Nfld."
They are appearing in the
Toronto Globe - I also write
for your Daily News (now
extinct) - the N. Y. Evening
Post and Boston Traveller.

We have just got
the news of Charles's suc-
cess at the examinations,
and I need not say it is
very welcome. I hope he
will give his mind thoroughly
to his engineering studies,
as he has chosen that
as a profession.



Very truly Yours
M. Harvey

Rev. Wm
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Mr. Harvey

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