

Brunrose  
Petow 10<sup>th</sup> Feby 1875.

My Dear Sir

I duly recd yours of  
1<sup>st</sup> Inst: and note contents. We  
are keeping a careful watch  
over the rights on the Iron Areas  
for Mess<sup>rs</sup>. J. D. Crawford & Co and  
those expiring have been attended  
to and Rights to Work taken out.  
Macdonald & Rigby with the aid  
of Mr. Gilpin are, we believe, engaged  
in preparing an application to  
the Government for a <sup>20 years</sup> lease of  
Rights to Work 5. 6. 12. 13<sup>th</sup> 22. We  
have furnished all the data  
we could for this purpose and  
we hope to hear soon that the  
application is successful. The  
Company however will, we apprehend,  
experience difficulty by and by  
in holding all their areas

as the law requires that they be actually - and not colorably - worked. Parkinson being behind onal - most the whole of them will likely look for opportunities of in - sisting on forfeiture unless the law be complied with. We are of opinion it would be advisable for the Company, after due exam - ination, to endeavor to select & hold on to the best and not spend money where there is little prospect of success - besides having so many is likely to create difficulties with the government in the end.

I wrote you on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> about Hogan's boring - they have since struck a very heavy flow of water which they say rises in the pipe 30 feet above the ground level. They are now down 600 feet & ask me to send you per parcel post by this mail a piece of core



from that depth and they would be very much obliged for your opinion as to the chances of getting coal there or whether it would be advisable to stop. To what formation does the material in the core belong? Please favor me with your views on this matter. We have no personal interest to serve in connection with it.

Gilpin's letter to Crawford & Co. in reference to Area 5. We presume, intended to refer to the fact that the extension of time on the license to work this area expires on 10 April next. The lease must be taken out prior to that date or the area will be lost by the Company. We have been urging this fact upon J.D.C. & Co. while the Bond was delayed at Montreal, as a reason why it should be executed and forwarded when the steps to take out the lease could only be initiated.

I am very glad to hear the girls are well and that they are so happily situated in receiving your kindness and that of your family.

With our united kind regards I remain

Yours sincerely  
Howard Prinnor

Principal Dawson  
Montreal