

Petow 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1876

My dear Sir

I duly rec<sup>d</sup>: your  
of 4<sup>th</sup> Ult: and have been waiting  
for Donald Fraser's Report of his  
prospecting the ironstone deposit  
to enclose to you as we would  
be very much obliged by your  
looking it over and giving us  
your opinion of it. It seems to  
us the dip of the measures is very  
steep and the seams are smaller  
than we anticipated but you  
will know best as to the prudence  
(on such a Report) of following  
the matter further or not. Would  
you do us the kindness to favor  
us with your views.

I am sorry to say that <sup>Petow</sup> Gas  
Stock is not likely to improve. Dan<sup>l</sup>  
Hoekni Esq. has resigned the presidency  
& that office is now held by C. E. Davies  
son of W. H. Davies. the 3<sup>rd</sup> principal



are in very bad order and on  
the Directors sending a statement  
to Buist of the H<sup>c</sup> Gas Coy of the  
Coal <sup>used</sup> and the Gas account  
-ed for as consumed - he informed  
them that the loss of Gas by leak-  
-age was about 50%. It was rum-  
-ored a short time ago that the Coy  
would have to sell out ere long -  
there being a Mortgage on the  
property besides some other borrowed  
money. altogether, I am afraid,  
the business has been sadly bring-  
-led. M<sup>r</sup> Wallen the Supt is getting  
old & feeble & matters are not looked  
after. all this is between ourselves.

As to Eastern Extension it is re-  
-ported Sir H. Allaw has tendered for  
the R. Road to Cairns but whether  
the Road will run near the <sup>quay</sup> shore  
or by the Marshy Slope is not known  
to be decided yet so that your query  
about the 3 terms law cannot be  
answered at present. The lots at



at Rivon and Mr. Thon would not we think sell  
just now at all. Money never was so hard to get nor our  
people so poorly off as this summer.

I sincerely hope that the prospect of enlisting  
Capital in the Detroit Coal Iron Coys enterprise (which  
you mentioned) has not proved illusory. It would  
be a great matter for our Country to have the ~~proposed~~  
proposed works set in operation. Mr. Gilpin just  
wrote me that "the Coys Rights on 47. will be  
found to cover more specular ore some of which  
is very good"

Mr. Primron and my daughters join me  
in kind love to you all. We also offer our con-  
gratulations on the occasion of Miss Annas mar-  
riage. Annie Mary sent a small box for her  
with their best love. by the Hadji in charge of Capt  
Wilson to be left in the hands of the <sup>of the 4th Port 65. Coy</sup> Agent. Mr  
Dupont <sup>303</sup> Corninpiners Street. Will you kindly  
get it there for them. In opening please be care-  
ful not to break the glass inside.

With all good wishes

Yours truly

Howard Primron

We would all (need scarcely say) be delighted to see  
you here again and you will please come right to  
us. Annie Mary were quite elated when I told  
them it was probable you would visit us.

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Montreal }

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