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Dear Papa.

Prentice has been here
& is gone again, intending to
sail from Halifax tomorrow.
I got a telegram from him
asking me to meet him &
Robertson at Hopewell. We
started from there at Noon on
Thursday & drove up the S. River.
He remained about an hour
at the limonite. We got to the

telegram from you, but considering
the urgency of Mr Prentices
demand for his report - Here I
fear I cannot go there this time.
The only plan would be to go to
Montreal for about a week &
finish this report - & Mr Dunkins
& then to return here. I have seen
plans of Mr Lawsons account
of the area. Nothing could be
done without uncovering the
crop of the coal in a shallow
pit - & this would take a
week at least I fear. If I return
to Montreal I will tell Ross
to try & get somebody else to go
but that if necessary & possible

what Prentice said he will not-ask him to report at all. P. is anxious to have my report- as soon as possible.

My present intention is therefore to get- all things closed here this week & then set-out for Montreal at once. I will probably if I can get- a passage { one of the many steamers now sailing direct- to Montreal & thus save time, money, & fatigue. Mr. M. Wolson & Mr. Ross are very anxious that I should report- on the Port- Hood area about which I received a

Specular just before dark.
I stayed at M'Donalds' all
night. He had about an hour
I a half there altogether for
looking at the ore. The morning
was very wet but we drove
over to Webster's where we spent
about half an hour there having
no time left to visit the Spatic
we returned to New Glasgow
to catch the afternoon train by
which Robertson set out for
New York. From what he saw
he cannot give a report
worth anything & I think from

I will return.

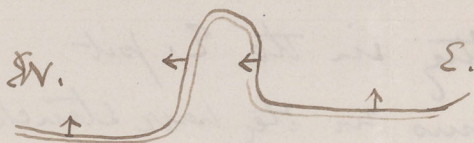
Prentice rather disconcerted the people here & rushing into Mr Primrose's office for about half an hour & then bolting away without coming to any agreement but saying that he would leave all to you & Mr Primrose & no doubt it would come right. He evidently wants to put all responsibility about arrangements ~~on~~ on you & Mr Kay which he should not be allowed to do.

I told Mr Primrose that he had better write to him & let him know exactly the length of his tether so that he might not

"float his company" & then find
that before he has time to fix
anything or pay in his money
that his time has expired. I think
you should caution him in the
same way.

The Webster ore is now very well
exposed & we have got a trench
on it in the woods half a mile W
of anything seen when you were
here, or just about on the ^NW line
of the area. There are some very
inferior layers of ore near the top
but some very good near the bottom.
Top & bottom merely relative terms
as the Webster trust turns out to
be an overturned anticlinal with
a straight piece at each side

Somewhat - thus .



On the ⁴limb

we have been
working at
Mrs Campbells

the only area allowable
with pretty fair chances of striking
the ore soon. We have found 13 ft-
of hard drift however & have had to
set winch & timber down before
going further. The specular is very
good at one pit, but we have not
got on to a good place at the other
as yet & the men have to haul out
6 barrels of water an hour.

At the Spathic things have turned
out queerly. Last time I was
down. The ore had been lost in
the brook shaft on the wrong side
& appearances seemed to show a
dip to the S. I imagined that

there might be an anticlinal but
on cross cutting in the E. pit
Fraser informs us they have struck
the ore with a similar dip. If
so it would seem that the
whole thing dips ^{at a not very high angle} S & that all
the trouble has arisen from
a landslip on the bank of the
brook. The slip having also caused
the sinkage holes. I am going down
there today & if this turns out
correct the thickness may be less
than estimated on the former supposition.

I am also inclined to think that
the bed may be nodular & all
depends on what sort of place we
hit on.

Your affectionate Son
George.