

Lime Brook, Oct 4th 1866

To J. W. Dawson Esq

Dear Sir

I left home on the 10th of September for Parboro I arrived there on the 11th, I took the Shore road by five Islands to Mill village, at this place I began for to enquire for some person who would direct me to Diligent River, I was told to go to Squire Bradley (Bradley keeps the recording office) this man directed me to the house of James You at Diligent River distant seven miles, this man told me Diligent River could not be flowing through the Dawson Lot (it is known here by that name) if any River goes through it it must be Half way River. I went to see Lamb who is still alive, he told me Diligent River was 3 miles East of the Dawson Lot and if any water flowed through it, it must be Half way River. I then employed James You to pilot me to the Lot for \$1.50 a day. I found him very slow getting to the ground I began for to get suspicious of him on enquiry I found he was a nephew of both Tate and Lamb fearing something was wrong I paid hi

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and employed one Eliot Bentley for \$1.00 a day. This man took me there in 3 hours I found it to agree to the plan except the stream. He showed me the base or sea line which I was able for to trace, from all I could learn a stream of the Half way river flows through it going north the Land on ~~the~~ both sides of the stream is very good, much better than any I seen close to the shore in front of it, free of stones, the west side is very flat and soft and very likely not good the east side or end has some good timber on it, mixed wood, birch and spruce some of it fit for small spars, but the best trees are carried away there are many ~~tree~~ roads through it by timbermen and if it will not be logged after in a few years they will have all the timber, on the west end the timber is small the largest ~~one~~ fit for battens all the water flows to Cumberland bay. I found no rock except conglomerate mixed with small seams of redish and white sand stone, taking these small seams as a guide, its dip is north the bed is of great thickness the package marked 801 is of this lot obtained on the east end, there are no surface stones of any account

on any part of it. The small streams flows
on muddy bottoms shewing no banks. The first
blue mark east of the lot on the plan is a small stream
flowing to the Ramshead River, the way for to get
there (to the lot) is up the Ramshead River, the nearest
House is 3 miles from it and 6 miles from the ^{sea} shore

The first rocks I seen after leaving the lot
were on the Ramshead River 3 miles south. a very
large ridge ^{running} east and west of a metamorphic char-
acter, I ^{then} seen it again up Diligent River, and I
supposed the same ridge 3 miles from Apple River,
south of the last named ridge and at the mouth
of Diligent and Ramshead Rivers was a ridge of fire-
stone dipping to the north. Some said there was
parties digging for coal further south on this
same ridge, but I did not cross for to see

In going to Apple River I had to go round by
the sea shore below Fox River, ^{the rocks} are dipping in va-
rious directions near Advocate Harbour I met
a ridge of flat (or thus sandy) sandstone nearly
vertically after leaving Advocate the road runs
along side of a stream and coming across the
rocks. I ~~was~~ which were of a metamorphic
character. Judging from their appearance I
supposed this ridge of rock to be the same as
I seen at Ramshead & Diligent rivers, when near
Apple river or rivers for there are two, I

met a great variety of free stone boulders more
of the same quality as those between New Glasgow
fishers grant I seen no rock of it - at Mill brook
South East of the river at the falls I found some
coal fossils and a small seam of coal scarcely
1 inch thick above these fossiliferous rock was a rock
of coarse stone (No 14) above that a free stone conglomerate
(No 15) above that a great bed of redish conglomerate
of very great thickness, very like the one I seen
on the Lot, having the same small seams of free
- stone (or sandstone) in it, I seen in the others
at this place the rock had very little dip
all their was to the north, I traveled up
this stream some distance but found that the
descent ^{of the brook} was greater than the dip of the metals
consequently the bed of the brook flowed through
the upper conglomerate - here I was obliged to drop
farther search on account of the heavy rains the
streams overflowed all their banks, the few coal
fossils I got were taken out of the water.
On my return to deligent river I found
that James Gou & others were seeking the records
about the title of the Lot - I believe that
their search was owing to an expression of
Lamb's saying he did not recollect signing
his right away - James Gou told me Lamb
conveyed his right to Tate and forgot himself
he would like for to see (G) purchase.

Donald Fraser

An account of the contents of the box of fossil
Stones &c


There is first in the bottom of the box all
the samples I procured at Passboro over them is
spread a paper above the paper is a collection
of fossils and Minerals collected - here some of
them are labeled others not one fossil is
broken not covered on one side of the box by
taking care of the pieces the structure can be seen
below will be seen an explanation of the Passboro
Samples

- No-1 - This parcel is of the Dawson lot
- "-2 - a stone of the ridge of ^{Hard grayish slate} ~~Passboro~~ 3 miles from
the Dawson lot on the New River
- "-3 - 2 1/2 miles up ^{blue bluish slate & quartz veins with pyrites} Deligent River
- "-4 - between Advocate to ^{Olive hard slate} ~~Passboro~~ New River
- "-5 - freestone Mouth of Deligent River
- "-6 - of a ridge of ^{gray quartzite, rusty veins} ~~Passboro~~ at Fox River
- "-7 - Fox River dipping ^{blue slate} South east
- "-8 - Limestone between ^{air vents & slaty veins} Fox and Rockford River
- "-9 - a package of stone of blue slate above and below
^{dark black clay & gray thin with quartz veins} the Limestone dipping in all directions
- "-10 - between Rockford river and Spence Island
dipping north east ^{Hard brown sandstone}
- "-11 - between Spence Island Island and Advocate
^{Hard Siliceous put}
- "-12 - near Spence River dipping north
- "-13 - Coal fossils at Mill Brook South east

- Aple River near falls on the bank
 " 14 - 10 ft of stone overlying coal ^{argill sandstone} of falls
 " 15 - 10 ft of pebble conglomerate over 14
 " 16 - the reddish conglomerate overlying ^{the rest}
 " 17 - a package of stone of a bold black bluff on the
 Sea shore 8 miles ^{east} of Patridge Island
 " 18 - & 19 sea shells
 " 20 - a sample of verites from the Lower Stream
 on river at five Islands worked by a party
 of americans average thickness 12 inches
 " 21 - a piece of rock used for road gravel 6 miles
 on the Pictou side of Bras

D. J.

I omitted mentioning that at Aple River very
 many rights of search for coal are taken up and
 I frequently met the boundaries of those lots, but
 I saw no prospecting



above is a sketch of the rocks at
Mill brook falls south East Apple river
showing the conglomerate above thin free stone
conglomerate, and below, the rock the fossils
were found in.

D. H.