

115 Lansdowne Road
Notting Hill
London

2 April 1869

My dear Sir

When I received your kind letter of 2 Dec^r I wrote to my son telling him that Sir W^m Logan was negotiating with Mr Selwyn about joining the Canadian Survey. My last letter from my son is of 5 Feb^r in which he tells me that he was on the point of sailing to New Zealand to see if there was any opening for him there, but it is very probable he will

come home I will see
Mr. Selwyn or his arrival
about him -

I am now going to trouble
you about another matter.
You are aware that
since the abrogation of
the Reciprocity Treaty
the Coal Trade of Picton
has been almost ruined.
The Association have
just spent a large sum
of money in sinking new
pits on the deepest parts
of their Albion Tract
and have got a first
rate coal for Iron or
Gas Manufacture but

cannot find a market.

It has occurred to me that if the rich magnetic ores of Marmora, Madoc, &c. in the neighbourhood of Kingston C. W. could be delivered at Picton at a low rate, Iron Works might be successfully established at the Pits Mouth - I am making inquiries respecting the cost of Blast Furnaces and Rolling Mills, and also of the labour of making Iron here. If it can be made at Picton to cover the cost-only, the Association

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would have a sure
market for a large
quantity of Coal and
the country would be
greatly benefitted -
We know exactly the
cost of the Coal - I can
find out that of the Labour
- everything depends upon
the price and quality
of the Iron ore - I
understand large quantities
of the Marmora Ore are
now sent to Pittsburg -
I shall consider it a
great favour if you will
ascertain for me

- 1 - The percentage of the Iron in the Ore - and its characteristics -
- 2 - The Cost per Ton of 2240 lbs delivered on board in the nearest navigable water -
- 3 - The probable freight to Pictou -
- 4 - If the Ore is smelted by itself or mixed with poorer ores at Pittsburg, or any other information that you consider would be useful.

Do you think any thing can be done with the ore of the great-bed on the East Branch of the

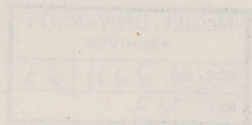
East-R. of Picton - I believe it contains only 40 per cent of metal and was found very refractory in the furnace -

As you have devoted a good deal of time to these matters I shall feel much obliged for your opinion of the feasibility of my scheme - Some thing must be done for the Coal Trade if the Reciprocity Treaty is not revised in some shape or other -

I am glad to find my

son at Sydney has
commenced lecturing on
geology - I was rather
disappointed that he
did not take much
interest in it before - I
hope he has now passed
the turning point and
will begin to collect
some Fossil Plants for
you - No one has better
opportunities -

I remain My dear Sir
Yours very truly
Rich^d Brown



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Herald
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