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Pictou 13th Mar 1872

My dear Sir

I duly rec^d your
 Sel. of 9th Inst. "letter received
 secure Area north East of C.
 Crossing Sutherland's River"
 and I immediately made appli-
 cation for that area but owing
 to the severe snow storms, recently,
 blocking up the Railroad, mail
 Communication with Halifax
 has been cut off for a week and
 only yesterday I received a telegram
 that the area has been secured
 in my name - on our joint A/c as
 before. I enclose a pencil sketch
 showing this last taken area
 marked 8. This makes three
 Areas on joint account. Would
 it be worth while to take another
 parallel with 8. and to the N.E. of
 No. 5. This would make a total
 of 20 5/8 square miles costing \$44⁸⁸

H. Primmer
July 11

but you will be the best judge
whether this additional investment
would be prudent or not - it might
be perhaps, if you intend coming
down in summer to look at the
property and to Endeavor to trace
the ore should it fortunately ex-
-tend to the areas secured but it
would be of little use to place
dependence on an unscientific
Expenditure of means in Exploring
the district having the Experience
of such an expenditure as Copeland's
before our Eyes.

We have had letters from
J. Moore lately. He has gone to England
by the steamer and wishes to renew his
offer of 6 months to explore from May
next - the Merionist's property to
pay \$20,000 for it should the ex-
-amination prove satisfactory & to
lose his expenses if otherwise. We have
not answered his letter nor did he
require us to do so but said he would
be prepared to make the offer on his
return. What is your opinion

as we must be prepared to answer on his return
We will remember your suggestion that he shall, if
he do not accept, furnish us with his journal of ex-
-plorations and make that a condition.

The title to the property is still in Mr.
Leopold and but we will have a declaration and deed
prepared for him to sign embracing the other pro-
-priators namely. John Creer. William Gordon A.P. Ross
J.M. Dawson ^{or} Pinnon & Rudolf. The original pro-
-priators being five. Each owning one fifth but Creer
and Gordon having only one fifth between them. We
have spoken to Mr. Ross about ~~the~~ his selling to Mr. Mc-
Kay stating that we can only, in the meantime, recog-
-nize the original proprietors & when any of them
transfer a portion or the whole of their interest
such transaction can only be valid as between the
purchaser and the seller and not as between the pur-
-chaser and the Coy - still we hope there will be no
occasion to make any question on account of Mr. Ross's
sale to Mr. McKay and you need not mention our
opinions to him. We shall be glad to hear the
result of your interview with him. You will like-
-ly be acquainted with Mr. Moore's antecedents
What is your opinion of him. It would be un-
necessary delay to let him have the mine for 6
Mo. unless we could place confidence in his faith-
ful exploration of it. From a remark in your letter
we judge it is your intention to look at the East River
property this season, if otherwise, we think we have
areas enough. You need not mention to Mr. Ross
about the E. River areas. With best regards

J.M. Dawson

Yours Truly
Howard Pinnon