

Arts Club Hammer Square
London.

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My dear Sir

Mr. Prentice who is
negotiating the sale of some
iron properties, has discussed
with me the advisability of
my letting him have an area
north of East River Area
containing a clay ironstone
seam about 3 feet thick
which crops about half a
mile ^{below} ~~below~~ Glasgow
mills, on the the banks of
East River. The ironstone
is pronounced very good &
is valuable for working
both richer ores that are
less workable

I look up the area
intending to get up an
iron company myself
& have this iron with
some other ore.

If it is of value for
such a purpose, I will
let Mr. P. have it for
a trifling sum, as I
could realize by at once
through him if he
succeeds.

New! like you to examine
the locality. I believe
Genl. Sinclair found
it it has been concealed
by the bank sliding over
it a little. But Capt
Dawson could tell you
where the seam is, &

There are other parties in
New Glasgow who could
give you the necessary
information.

He is also arranging for
the purchase of the S. Lawrence
area, as it is closer to the
coal iron deposit than any
other part of the field. I
assume that including a
small strip boundary on
the Merigonish, it is ~~about~~
about 250 acres underlain
by coal. The W. Beau seam
has a down throw towards
the S. Lawrence, & Geo. W. found
recently a southerly trending
of the strike as it approaches
the S. Lawrence.

Boston

The ~~W. B. B.~~ area has a small
kind of ~~part~~ undelimit by the
8 foot seam.

I think that a half of a
square mile of the W. B. B.
area w^d. be worth securing.

I offer the S. Lawrence for
a very small figure, for I
am tired of holding coal
property, & of liabilities that
have been thrown on me, & which
I have not yet cleared off.

The ~~W. B. B.~~ owners of the
Boston area ask for the half
mile of \$20,000, or of \$30,000. for
their whole area.

I should let the S. Lawrence
area go at a very small
figure, so as to clear off
incumbrances & repay me
for my outlay & trouble.

There can be no doubt that
an iron campy. getting it
at a small figure, would
find it a convenient property,
& that there is ample coal
in it for these purposes.

Mr. Prentice has requested
the sale of these two properties
I wd. like you to look at them
& to telegraph as to their
purchase. I have enclosed
you a line which I send
herewith.

Whoever can give you full
information, & Baxter's
man Mitchell knows as
to the Barton area.

The prospects of adding to
the Barton area you can
judge of at the price
named which is extremely

I have written to Boston
also to try to give you
the necessary information
should you need it.

Mr. Prentiss knows a good
deal about the Lawrence
area, as he had a
project of it some years
ago, & proposed to sell it,
but I thought it best to
defer until the survey
was over.

I am selling the Lawrence
for one third of what
a well property elsewhere
wt. cost. & name a small
price, as the sale if completed
will be immediate

I am
yours
faithfully yours

R. H. Robertson

P. S.

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Since I had say you in
Montreal, I have had no
communication with Mr. Lambe,
who got into difficulties, &
left me to clear off his liabilities
& they are still on my shoulders.
I have now a deacon of forestry
returning wh: I shall have
to meet. I have never heard
from him whether he ever
paid you for your survey of
the Fort Neve area. but I
assume not. When the property
is sold I shall see that you are
paid by the proprietors, &
I should feel obliged if you wd
let me know, what your charge
is! Lambe was in this matter.
Efforts I have been made to
to do more than I have done, &

It wd. take all the coal & iron
mines in Br. America, to
induce me to face again the
trouble & worry that these
Petio matters have given
me during the past 5 years.

I send you by post a
pamphlet wh. was referred
to during the debates
in the colonies, & has had
a very salutary effect
on the mind of people here.
The way they discussed
Colonial matters was
truly disgraceful & it
was necessary to write very
strongly & contemptuously of
the anticolonial party.