

Pictou 12 July 1872.

Principal Dawson
Montreal
Dear Sir

I am favored with yours of 3rd Inst: too late for taking another area north and East of the one at Webster. James Fraser Downie has taken an area there as you will see by our letter to Don^d. From Enclous herein. We hear there is abundance of ore down Sutherland's River north of our area and that a number of claims are taken out in that direction. You will see from Fraser's letter enclosed, that the iron shows away to the Eastward and I have no doubt there will be plenty looking after it now. You will observe on reference to the copy of our letter to Fraser that we intend taking an area to the southward of the Webster area if the latter should not cover the ore he noticed at Sutherland's River.

The Government have two Surveyors on the ground fixing a base for the areas granted as all heretofore done has been very loose and indefinite Mr Simon Holmes, who understands

Surveying is endeavoring to secure that all our areas shall cover when they were intended by us to cover or as discovered and we expect to succeed in this but this work will be pretty expensive. This all important however that it should be done & we are losing no time in attending to it. When the Report of the Surveyors is ready the Government will take up Carmichael's objections to our right to the Fraser property and we do not doubt the issue at this he may give us a great deal of trouble. Whatever the result however there can be no doubt there is one in our claims independent of Fraser's to satisfy any Company.

Mr. McKay telegraphed me on 3rd Inst. "Prentice telegraphs obtain good Halifax men as Executive Committee give names you recommend" after consultation here I replied 6th Inst.

"Don't misunderstand what Executive Committee at Halifax means who are they to act for and what are their duties. Can give unexceptionable references as to fulfillment of our agreement. telegraph Prentice if necessary
answer by tel

My dear Mary, I have not much to say and I have not much to say in the
world. One matter I have thought these telegrams should be
and I had promised that I would send you a copy of the report
which they think they should have been prepared with
We are prepared to do everything possible and I have not
seen what we could say to justify all that has been done
without in some way to do other not such as the
what they were expected to do.

place the in line for the first time in the history of the
perhaps that it can be placed before the public and
perhaps it will be the result. We will certainly speak of
the progress made by the States and also of the progress
as soon as we have any thing important to say
I am, dear Mary, your affectionate
brother,
John W. Foster

Letter to [unclear]

Received
July 1772

Dear Sir

I have forwarded with
this to the printer for printing and
will be glad to see by your letter to me
that you have received the same. The first
impression of one thousand but I shall
give notice of you and that a
number of copies are taken out in the
interim. You will see from the
letter enclosed, that the same shall
be sent to the printer and that I
trust there will be plenty of copies
after it is done. You will observe on
reference to the copy of our letter to you
that our intention of printing was to
be the same of the letter and of the
letter should not cover the one
inserted at the bottom of the
The Government has
been in the process of printing
for the same printed as all the
done has been very poor and
The printer's name, Mr. [unclear]

I have sent Mr. [unclear] a copy of this letter - all

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