

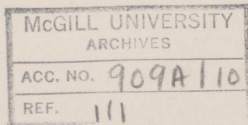
McGill College.
Montreal.

March 7, 1873

~~Gentlemen~~

Dear Sir,

In reply to your
favor of Feb 20th, and with
special reference to the reports
of your one in Pictou, now
issued by Mr Peattie, and
reported on by Mr S. M. Dawson
and myself, I beg to state
that the high estimate of
the value of the property
expressed in my Reports re-
mains unchanged, and has
indeed been confirmed by
the additional explorations
made last autumn. My
earlier memoranda were
based on surface exposures



and our excavations of
very limited extent; but
what my experience in
such matters warranted
me in regarding as con-
clusive, and the deeper
excavations since made
in so far as they have
modified my conclusions
have in nearly every case
done so for the better
by revealing extensions of
the deposits not previously
visible.

It is somewhat unwisdom
to institute comparisons between

The Canada mine and the
Pitkin properties, more especially
as I believe I was the first
scientific person to direct
attention to the great value
of the former. My present
impression however is that
the specular vein (no 3 from
Memo of May 1872) and the
hematite vein (no 4) fully ac-
count both in quantity and
quality the great Acadia
veins, and that the
Pitkin property has the
advantage of the great
beds of Red Hematite and
of Spathic Iron (nos 2 & 1) in
addition. The Pitkin de-
posit is also better situated
with regard to transport and
supply of fuel.

The only special advantage of the Acadia Mine is that which may result from the expenditures there made on works, and this must to some extent be counterbalanced by the partial exhaustion of the more accessible parts of the vein.

I may add that I have the utmost confidence in the capacity of the Pictou deposits to supply at a cheap rate any demands that may be made on them by the most extensive Iron works for a very great number of years, without reckoning on the new developments which must result from their working on a large scale.

Remain

Yours sincerely

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(Messrs Maddoch & Co)

W. Dawson