

Pictou 22nd July 1873.

Principal Dawson
My Dear Sir

Yours of 1st Inst. to my father & to myself were duly rec^d & also checks for \$45. say \$50 for D. Fraser and \$25 for Seddie Memorial Fund - the latter I sent to the Treasurer of the Fund at Halifax - the former, with the letter, to Copeland New Glasgow to be delivered to Fraser but he had previously left for Polsons Lake where he has been since but what the prospects are there I have not heard. Before he left he gave us a Report and tracing the result of his Explorations on the several Areas to which it refers. I enclose the tracings and a copy of the Report - you will observe that the indications no 113 are not so favorable as we hoped for but further Examination may greatly improve matters there Es-pecially should Limonite, in place, be discovered. I also enclose a sketch of Wentworth Grant showing the prop-erties secured in the vicinity of John Frasers which being drawn to a scale will enable you to state the ex-act distance from John Frasers West Line to Angus Frasers East Line. McKellans name is Alexander altho it appears "Alb. McKellau" on the Plan. To prevent misunderstanding the ore is secured on John Frasers

John Frasers	200 acres
Alex. McKellau	150 "
Angus Fraser.	100 "
Robert McIntosh	50 "
Donald Fraser	100 "
Total.	<u>600 Acres</u>

Where I have marked X. & C. in pencil on the Plan is Donald Sutherlands Farm on which Frasers discovered

the Red Hematite previously reported (a sample of which I send you in the Box of Boring samples) No. 3 on the Plan in pencil is D. Holmes' farm No. 2. is Mickle's farm. You will observe No. 1. is not far distant from the Dale Colliery. We have been unable to secure that property as yet but are endeavoring to do so. It must be kept quiet in the meantime. We hear the iron appears on quite a number of farms not far from No. 1. - also at Mickle's No. 2 and we may be enabled eventually to secure property there. I would like to get your opinion on the specimen sent as soon as convenient. Fraser said he had no doubt of its being there from End to End of the farms and also on the Farm of Holmes. the quantity however can only be proved on development and it has not yet been found in place.

I return your skeleton report having taken a copy - we have not secured any land from Fraser but have paid him \$300 for a right to uncover the ore and leave it open for inspection until we effect a sale. Your Report states that the ore traverses the lots for about a mile. I make it, by the Plan, $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles less $2\frac{1}{2}$ Chains ~~No. 2~~. In your Report also you have not noticed the proximity of the ore at Cullens to the Provincial Rail-way. Mr. Fraser promised Mr. Ross last Fall to go for a short time to Polson's Lake - perhaps it would be as well to delay your Report until we make further Explorations at 113. + 131. + 134. which we intend to prosecute on Mr. Fraser's return - unless you know of parties who may wish to negotiate now. Mr. ^{Ross} Ross called on my father on his way to Cape Breton to prosecute the Geological survey & asked him to send samples of

the iron ore to the office of the Geological Survey at Montreal which we forward by the "Georgia" on Friday next including a large specimen from John Fraser's farm. The specimens are all marked and numbered. Fraser is Sr. J. We will mention the localities from which the specimens came, in our letter to Mr. Selwyn. We presume you will see these specimens. We will be more anxious to place the Govt. areas first - there being no necessity for haste with the Wentworth Grant properties unless a purchaser requiring a large amount of iron property should turn up in the meantime - We hear Hudson has sold all his Rights to the "Halifax Company" but have been unable to ascertain the amount of the purchase money. If we should get an offer here we will consult you at once and consider that whatever offers come from our arrangement with you will remain intact.

I write in haste on the iron properties & will be happy to receive any suggestions you may be disposed to favor me with. We have heard nothing from Prentice since he left Montreal. If you hear anything please advise me.

Yours Truly
Howard Purvis

