

Pictou 4th Sept 1870

Principal Dawson
Macgill College Montreal

Dear Sir

I am favored with yours of 26th Ult. and note contents. During Fraser's absence at Poisons Lake we had Mr. Webster engaged to prospect on Wentworth Grant and I enclose the results of his work in a copy of his Report and Plan. We do not consider him as reliable as Fraser but the rough sketches and statement he furnishes may give you some idea of the nature and probable course of the iron deposit. The region is very hilly and it would appear that in many places only drift stones could be found by him - the drift being very deep. We note your remarks about the purchasing of further Rights on the Wentworth Grant and will keep them in view altho we must confess that until Prentice gets out of his difficulties we do not feel so free to go in any deeper than we are at present. Some of the land owners may however be willing to sell at moderate rates if we ascertain this to be so it might be well to secure a few more farms nearer to the Vale Colliery than J. M. Fraser's in which case we will bear your proposition for an interest in mind.

I enclose a note which Mr. Logan received on Monday last from the boring locality at E. River. The bed of fire clay got through at 222 feet was 34 feet thick. I have heard nothing from them since recd of enclosed. You will observe they are now

Making better progress. I enclose P.S. of the last parcel of samples sent you by the "Hadji" which I hope you have received. Mr. Ross and young Matheson are from Polson's Lake yesterday - the latter says it is hard to tell ^{yet} whether they have struck the true deposit or not. He says the slate on each side of the ore is lower than the ore is and that the ore not only appears to be above the slate on both sides but seems to be bent over and cracks or fissures appear in it near the top. Fraser is putting down another shaft towards the dip to prove its continuity and Matheson says he is quite sanguine as to the result.

Mr. McBeau, with some associates, have been engaged for about twelve months exploring the coal deposits in Richmond Coy C.D. It is recently reported that the vertical seams have been found to flatten to the Eastward and that near Coal Brook 3 seams the largest of which is 7 feet - and one seam of 17 feet in thickness, have been discovered in a horizontal position with dip to the north. Mr. Holmes tells us he got this information today from one of Mr. McBeau's associates. Mr. McBeau has gone down to prove the 17 foot seam. The areas in the vicinity have all been covered by licenses to search - more of the "Caracac" Eagle principle.

Yours Truly
Howard Perrin

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