

J. Dawson

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Dear Sir

I mail you a copy of  
the Eastern Chronicle which contains  
what professes to be an impartial  
account of the Johnsons Lake trouble.

The object of the Paper of course is  
to prejudice people against the  
rightful claimant and give the  
Government a plausible pretext  
for taking up the matter.

When I tell you that the  
McBain Copper Company owns a  
controlling influence in the paper,  
that the Premier of Nova Scotia,  
Mr. Holmes is largely interested in  
McBain's claim that the Attorney  
General of the present Government  
has been Mr. McBain's lawyer ever since  
the suit commenced and that  
McBain's Company includes a Cong.

Large number of the influential  
and wealthy men of the Conservative  
party in Pictou County, whose friends  
in Halifax, would have a powerful  
influence with the Government; you  
can see that the leader of the  
Government only wants a pretext  
to take the matter up and that  
Law without justice, would be the  
Kop party's portion in such a case.

Would it be too much to ask  
of you to write for publication  
a short true account of the  
discovery of copper at Poisons Lake  
up to the autumn of '77 when it  
was "and how it was wrested from  
its rightful owners.

Such an account with Dr.  
Dawson's name signed to it  
would put to shame and silence  
those who are using money and  
influence in an unscrupulous  
way to subvert truth and justice  
and rob a poor widow, and would  
be a most powerful blow in her  
favour.

I know I am taking a great  
liberty in asking such a favour  
from one who is burdened with  
so many public and private  
duties, but I thought that friendship  
for my late Father and sympathy  
for my Mother in her old age and  
poverty and all beyond and above  
that the feeling that prompts  
every just man to strike a  
blow for the poor and oppressed  
would plead more powerfully  
than I could do, pleading this  
as an excuse for troubling you

I remain

Very truly yours

Anna Kop

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P. S.

The Government is likely to be  
prolonged in three weeks and this  
matter will probably be brought up  
just before that time.

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