

Brumpfeld  
Queens County  
Nova Scotia

Sir William Dawson

Dear Sir

about one year ago, in  
response to a letter from me,  
you were interested enough  
to make inquiries about  
the gold-bearing conglomerates  
of Gyp's River Bleckley Co.  
Since that time I have been  
in charge of mining operations  
there, and now it seems to  
me beyond reasonable doubt

made sure that there are  
two series of Conglomerate, well-  
defined, and separated by a  
coarse, firm Sandstone. The  
upper Conglomerate at one point  
was 40 feet thick. Then occurs  
3 feet of Sandstone, and then  
10 feet of gold-bearing conglomerate  
with \$2.00 per ton. Then the  
Silurian slates. This lower Con-  
glomerate is an ancient River  
Bed; but old as this deposit  
must be, the Cambrian slates, when  
it began to flow, were already-  
tilted, and cleft and fissured, for  
the gold penetrated the crevices  
and even the fine cleavage lines,  
that are perpendicular to the dip.

Of course I do not know  
whether you care to know

more about this river. You  
invited me to write you. Your  
mother lives there. I do not  
know whether Mr. Fred  
Hart took this view of that  
region or not. I can make  
out the course and direction  
of flow, but the shores I have  
not yet determined. Should  
you care to know more I  
will gladly furnish you facts.

I enclose an Article written  
by a young acquaintance of mine  
who is working in the mines  
~~there~~ here at Moles at day's  
labour with a shawl. He came  
to me to borrow some Books  
on Geology. I found him quite  
a prodigy of knowledge concerning



our own Section formations;  
a modest young fellow, full  
to the brim of enthusiasm,  
altogether self-taught. He is very  
desirous of getting a position of  
any kind on the Geological Survey, or  
what would be better an opportunity  
to study in the Science Dept  
of "Mc Gill" I spoke to my friends  
Prof Bailey of Fredericton, and  
also Dr Hoffman of Ottawa with  
reference to the Survey, but they  
intimated that it took more  
influence than they had to secure  
him a position. He has never  
offered anything for publication  
and this paper I enclose is all  
his own work. He is poor, as you  
may guess. Age 24, good  
habits, and it seems to  
me well worthy of assistance

I am no longer that you  
will see some way to  
aid this New Section and  
avoid your suggestion with  
much interest.

and remain

Yours very Respectfully

R R McLeod

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