

Mr Deacon
Edgerton House
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Dear Papa

It is rather late but
I must take the opportunity
of tomorrow's fast-mail & the
Falmouth St. from Halifax &
Portland, to let you know
how matters stand here.

Prentice left for Montreal
today via St-John in Company
with Mr Kay. You may very
likely have received a visit-

from him before this reaches.

There was a full meeting this morning of all interested in the Iron business, at which I was present. Both Sides were perhaps a little unreasonable but I think all seems likely to be amicably settled.

Prentice not very unreasonable thought that lands rendered valuable by your explorations were to be taken out in the interests of the Company & included with the rest. This with special reference to the Fraser end of Webster ore. The parties here not without

Reason say that after the areas mentioned in the agreement they were at liberty to hold for themselves such as they pleased.

The trouble on this point seems to arise from the doubt concerning the length of ore North of Blanchards.

This has at any rate for the present deprived Prentice of a considerable paper length of outcrop. He claimed that you mentioned 3 miles of red haematite & then called him concerning another mile in all making 4 over which he thought he had control. Primrose &

think explained to his satisfaction
(or dissatisfaction) that nothing
could be done in the way of
bargaining for this area on the
Wentworth grant without detrimentally
affecting the Case in Equity soon
to come up about it.

Prentice also proposes to have
suggested that the whole area at
the Spatheic was held in fee simple.
You will need to be careful
with him in Montreal as I
have no doubt he would like
you to commit yourself to his
side in some way or other &
then thrust your opinion down the

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peoples throats here. He
Should Remember that many
areas not spoken of in the agreement
were taken out & voluntarily
included. After some time I
have got to the bottom of Mrs
Robertsons desertion at St John.
Prentice in Confidence told me
how it occurred. He was coming
out to report on these Pennsylvania
properties & was induced to take
this on his way. He was to be
free to report as he pleased & to
receive a certain sum in case
he was to able to report favourable
for the sale. At St John thinking

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no doubt - that he had L. in a
tight place he said he would
not go on unless given two
hundred guineas down. I fear
he is not likely to prove a good
man to report on such deposits
as these. Dun told me that he
had known him in Scotland, &
from what he said I think held
no very high opinion of his
ability.

With regard to the explorations,
Prentice has arranged ~~the~~ with the
Primroses to hold a sum not
exceeding \$2,000 for the purpose,
& payable to me or Donald Fraser's
order.

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This money is advanced out
of the \$10,000 paid by Prentice
but with a written agreement
stating that it would not prejudice
the ^{current} sale of Iron Property
in any way. In
fact a loan to Prentice.

I was out at the Spathic on
Saturday in company with Prentice
& Mr. Kay. It is rather difficult to
tell what to do there the cover is so
thick. I chose two places, one on
each side of the break where the
men were to begin. I fear they may
not strike the bed at once but
may need to continue along the
surface of the rock. I also directed
an opening to be made on the ore

itself at the brook side. This
because it is the lowest place &
will prove the ore to the greatest
depth, & also by way of getting
out a quantity of fresh blasted
ore to show, which is necessary.

The Specular has already been
begun upon & two shafts are in
process of being sunk. Not very
much can be done in the time
at disposal but some satisfaction
may be given to this engineer

Robertson & a quantity of food are
got out to show. Towards the
west end of the area where the

Specular vein has not been proved
& opening a new outcrop has

been found several hundred yards⁽⁵⁾
North of the proper line. Fraser
thinks it must be a bend. But
from a hasty examination on Friday
I rather fancy it to be a second
offair. The ore is of poor quality
so far as seen. Mixed with sand &
looking more like a bed. Fraser
tells me there are certainly two
hands of ore further East of the
property or thus the idea would seem
to be confirmed. However as
soon as I get a day the specular
must be looked for in the deep
brook ~~to~~ to the west end of the
area.

The Limonite seems to be turning
out rather complicated. on enlarging

the small exposure in the brook
it began to bend round & now
seems to run away in the course
of the brook nearly ^{Eastward}. If this turns
out to be the case there must be
more than one vein. The best
place to test the continuity is on
Grants' farm & he refuses to have
anything done as there is some dispute
about the boundary line. There is
a hillside above Grants covered
with huge limonite boulders &
with many ^{large} sinkage holes seeming
to indicate a great irregular deposit
of some kind. A true bed of red
of ^{oolitic} ~~Laevathite~~ [&] much resembling that
at Blanchards has also been discovered,
back of Fraser Saddlers house &

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~~drifting~~ (from memory)
about N. W. at a rather low
angle. The first spare day I get
must be devoted to the demerite as
under present circumstances no
very efficient explorations, or shaft-
sinking can be carried on.

I believe the red haematite bed is
the representative of the Blanchard
one but thinner. I will soon have
a length of it uncovered. This
may throw great light on the geology
of the district.

Tomorrow morning I start at
7 o'clock for Webster's to set a
gang of men to work there. It
is of course absurd to think of

Suggested Summary

Shaft sinking, but the deposit
may be uncovered & a quantity
of ore blasted out so as to
disclose the walls &c. It is a
great pity that nothing can be
done at the Fraser end of this deposit
as it is one of the best exposures &
expresses its continuity. From
what Fraser told me tonight I should
not be at all surprised if the lead at
Websters turns out to be the nose of
an anti-synclinal fold & if
the ore in the woods & swamps between
Fraser's & Websters should thus run
much further south than expected.
Excuse me troubling you with such a long
letter & also any mistakes as I have
not time to read it over.

Love to all. Your affectionate son
George W. Dawson