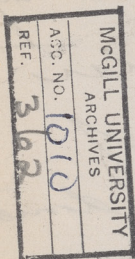


It must be ~~7~~ ^{or} 8 years since
I ~~made~~ visited the "Phosphate Mine"
mentioned in your letter of the 21st/₂
Feb. I made no detailed examination
of the property and in fact was not
on ~~the~~ ^{at} property more than an hour.
Besides this what notes I did make
at the time have been mislaid, and
I should not like to say much
from mere memory. At the time
of my visit the mine was looked
upon as one of the most important
if not the most important in North
Burgess and was being worked by
Mr. B. Anthony for an English ^{Company}.
The principal shaft was I think
~~about~~ ^{not far from} 100 feet deep at the time
and portions of the vein showed nearly
six feet of excellent apatite. Later
I was told that it ~~showed~~ ^{gave} signs of
throwing out and was consequently abandoned.
It must have ~~produced~~ ^{yielded} a good many
hundred tons of apatite, but of course
now contains so many hundred tons the less.

The common opinion is that our
apatite deposits never extend to
any great depth, but sufficient
deep mining has not been carried
on to enable us to come to any
definite conclusion about the
matter. They certainly are very
irregular deposits, and often ~~do~~
~~terminate~~ terminate in a very sudden
manner. Some ~~do~~ thin out
or terminate in a very sudden
manner. It seems likely, however,
that many ^{of these} deposits which have
been abandoned because of ^{their} being
of ^{apparently} "string out" would if followed
be found to widen out again.
I do not know whether you have
any thought of purchasing the property
in question, but if so would strongly
advise your sending some competent
person to report upon its present
condition.

Owing to illness I have been prevented
from answering your letter sooner, & now
am regretting that I cannot give you
more definite information I am
Yours truly
L. B. Burdett Esq
B. L. B.



Thursday
6¹¹ P. M.

My dear Harrington
I should be
ashamed to ask you
to manufacture any
oxygen if you hadn't
so kindly offered to do
it. As it is I am
very reluctant to trouble
you, but I have been
very busy in the town
(this is the amⁿ time you
know) and my heard
about half an hour ago
that there's not oxygen
enough in the bag,
Enough to start with
possibly but that's all

Do you think you could
get me enough by 8 o'clock
or even later - I will
get Hamilton to carry
it down in his sleigh -

You might use that
little bag of yours, and
if ~~it~~ be not too
much trouble mine
also - We can easily
transfer the contents
to the large bag Mr. Prowse
has lent me -

Believe me .

Yours sincerely
Alexander Johnson

Box No 1. Contains Stone from Lot No 11 in
13th Con of the Township of Me Nat
in the County of Kennebec and
Province of Ontario

Box No. 2. Stone from Lot No 9 in 14th Con:
of same Township County and
Province.

" " 3. Contains the taken from Lot No
22 in the 2^d Concession of Bristol
in the County of Pontiac in the
Province of Quebec

Shipped this 24th day of December

By B. S. Sturges

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