

Copy
of J. R. Young
General Map

Pictou Aug 28, 1849

Hon J. R. Young

Dear Sir

We have to ask your advice on a subject which affects our business and to which we would request your early attention. You have probably seen in Dr James' New work a map of Nova Scotia purporting to be compiled by him. This map as you will see on comparison is merely a tracing of ours published in 1847 with the addition of some words as "Gypsum" "Limestone" &c, a few names of places, one small alteration in part of a county line, & three roads in P. E. Island. Otherwise the copy is so minute that even the smallest errors of the printer are repeated. We also see that Dr J. advertises this map & he issued with a "handbook of Nova Scotia" probably also an imitation of yours.

We took out no copyright for our map, not anticipating any interference of so direct a nature. We can however prove the following facts in relation to it.

1. That it is not a copy of any previous map, but compiled from a variety of maps & charts — on a new scale & with a new arrangement.

2. That the county lines were given from the descriptions in the acts establishing them — that the hills and mountain ranges, never before laid down on any map, were given from original observations by Mr J Dawson. That a number of new places roads &c not previous on any map were introduced, the map being thus far original & new.

3. That it was printed for James Dawson, and at his sole expense, in Edinburgh in 1847.

4. It can be proved from internal evidence that in all its more important parts it is a servile copy, and we expect to be able also to get some direct evidence through parties concerned in its preparation.

On considering these facts please inform us if we have any legal mode of protecting our property in the map, and if so what steps would require to be taken. If there be no legal redress we suppose we can

at least publicly expose the plagiarism
and we are convinced that this can
be done so effectually as to prevent
in a great measure the loss which
we would otherwise sustain, and also
to prevent our losing the credit of a useful
publication which cost us much trouble
and expense.

We have written to Messrs M. Kin-
lay, the publishers of D. G.'s book, to ask
if they take any responsibility in the
matter, and have offered to take
no further steps in the matter if D. G.
publicly acknowledge his obligation to our
map. We shall have no direct com-
munication with D. G. on the subject.

We send herewith an uncoloured
copy of our map for comparison with
that in the "Industrial resources."

We are yours very truly
Dawson & Son