

Letter
H. Prinnase
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Pictou 26th Aug 1861.

James Dawson Esq
My Dear Sir

Would you have the kindness to purchase for me a pair of Canadian moccasins. They are not to be had here, and the quality of those obtained from Halifax is very often inferior. I send one of my old ones to show you the article I want and the size. Please get me a pair of good quality and send by some private oppy or to care of Capt. Dawson of steamer "Lady Head" at Quebec. I have seen some stitched where the rubber joins ^{at} the top which makes them stronger

I had the pleasure of sending some specimens of our gold bearing rocks to Mr. Wm Dawson last trip of the steamer. You would observe by the papers

that the richness of the Humboldt diggings was greatly exaggerated. This is now disputed - many claims yielding large returns. We hear nothing of interest from Targies. The Quartz Crusher Erected there turned out, as many ~~at~~ anticipated, a total failure. Nothing can be done there to advantage, without efficient machinery. the rock being of the hardest description.

We have this morning received intelligence of gold being found at West Branch River John but whether or not we are to ~~put~~ ^{have} faith in it is doubtful. It is correct that seams of quartz are found there in slate and it is not improbable that gold may be found in them.

With kind regards to yourself - your son & his family
Remain

Yours respectfully

Howard P. Moore

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David Fraser - formerly of Pictou has returned from Australia where the news of gold fields in Nova Scotia has been received. The Nova Scotian there were so surprised the rocks in Australia being much like those of N.S.