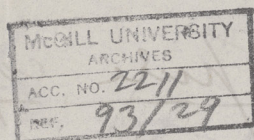


Pictou July 4/49

C. D. Archibald Esq



Dear Sir

I received to day
your note and the specimen sent
by Mr Smith. The small specimen
in paper is merely a variety of
Newa slate and is valueless. The
other specimens are, as you suppose,
specular iron in very narrow strips
in a brownish granite rock. I should
not suppose that these specimens come
from a locality of much importance.
The matrix of the ore in these pieces is
different from any rock that I have
seen in the Landon derry hills.

I enclose two blowpipe globules
of pure copper extracted from the
small specimen of ore last sent.
They are very minute, but may
be interesting to you if you have
not seen any Lardner's copper.

Since my return I have suf-
fered a severe bereavement in the
loss of my only child, a little boy
of 16 months. This and an engage-
ment to make some analysis of coal
will prevent me from leaving home
for some time; but if I can spare
any time for an excursion, I shall
not forget your mine which I

Am sure would much interest me

With best wishes,

I am yours truly

JW Dawson

Send also determination of
May 1881 - see notes

[Faint mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

Wilmington
In Cal. Ark.
July 1869

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