

Fraser Mine  
Albion Mines

12 July 1860

My dear Sir

I have just returned from a visit to the Tanquer River of which you will no doubt read in the Morning Chronicle, Mr. Howie's account of the prospects of the gold seekers - We got a few small pieces of gold in the loose debris of quartz and slate rock, but no one has yet discovered the quartz rock in position, and there is so much water that pumps would be required to sink - At present no one is making a living at the diggings, though there is much excitement.

I am sorry I cannot spare you a sample, but I had to buy what I got. I enclose a piece of Marcasite or White Snow. I believe. A piece of quartz with sulphuret of Molybdenum; and a piece of ore (red colored) from Milltown which I do not know, and should be glad if you could tell me what it is.

I hope you received my letter about the Box of Fossils.

A box containing a lump of our Stellar coal will go by this trip of the Lady Head, and in it I have put a few specimens obtained from Middle Stewiacke (Rutherford's farm) where two men are sinking for coal, but I do not think they will find any there.

I enclose a rough sketch of the locality  
in case you should like to allude  
to it in your new Edition. It is 7  
miles on the road to Brookfield from  
the cross road out of Musquidobit  
into Upper Stewiacke. What I have  
considered to be graphite, crops up  
between the Shell Sandstone and  
Gypsum, very much twisted and  
dipping west about 80 degrees—

I enclose copies of the Diagram  
of weather at the Albrion Mines  
which I hope you will have an  
opportunity of getting to Sir Wm  
Logan and Prof. Hunt, and  
accept the one addressed to  
yourself

H Poole Esq

I hope all will go off satisfactorily  
at your Exhibition  
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Yours sincerely  
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