

Lower Free town Lot 25

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Sir knowing from the
Patriot that you
have arrived on
P. E. Island by invitat-
-ion to write to you of
what I have seen on
my farm I saw about
Eight years ago something
like to the appearance of Fir-
or Var balsom rise up through
water in a drain I was
cleaning out also about
eighteen months ago I was
ploughing near the same
place and saw something
of the same ^{rise} up through
the water and spread
between 3 and four feet

on the surface of the water this land is springy.
in some hollow places a great number of bubbles
rise in the water out of the ground the
water I would judge to be soft also there is
near this place small hard round things about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter and black inside & Glossy
a little ^{like} coal in appearance inside. I have a desire
to know if there is anything valuable under
the soil is open about 7 feet down where I dug
a well. in some other places I find between 2 & 4 in
of solid clay turn up with the Plough there is
A belt of black soil across this hollow near
this place 2 to 8 ^{inches} deep I have no more to tell you just
now I would come to you if you think there
would be use in it your obedient

To Professor Dawson

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