

Letter Received

From 172
Scottish Commercial (Fire & Life) Insurance Co.^y
Received July 12 77. George Street.

Edinburgh 11 June 1872

My dear Sir

Pictou.

If I hear from you shortly
I have great hopes of doing good for
all & for Non Sectian whose interest
you have at heart, I know. But
the season for floating Companies
- already over crowded - will soon
pass & I dread delay. I think
you should use the cable freely, -
I don't object to contribute £20 or
£30 for cable messages if necessary.

The following questions are all
important. 1st The quantity of Crystalline
Carbonate, & its evidence. These deposits
are said to be very uncertain. 2nd
whether this gives less than 7.98 of
Magnesium, or more than 8.29, the
former being the minimum at which
this substance is useful.
3rd Full ^{detailed} analyses of the other ores

with their ^{probable} quantity or extent of Iron.

4. Full information regarding coal
with reference more particularly to
Smelting. This is not given by
Sir W. Logan or Hartley.

5th State how you draw your specimens
whether selected, or from a quantity
crushed & mixed.

Should all these points be explained
satisfactorily, I can form a company to
work the mines, but there being
at present only an considerable
deposit of Spathic Carbonate here, all
others having resulted in disappointing
expectations, great caution will be
exercised before embarking in so large
an undertaking.

Last week I wrote you to get
if possible a report by a mining
Engineer to accompany you.

Also to send without delay a
Power of Attorney to transfer the property
in name of The Secy of The Bank
of Montreal in London, but not

not to contain any reference to price
or other terms, - there can be stated
in your private letter of instructions to
that effect.

I venture to trouble you on these
business details, because I know
how exact you are, & that there
will be no shilly shallying. A word
from you to Primrose or whoever is
the right man to do this will ensure
immediate action. The business
should pass thru the British
Legation to the office in London,
accompanied by their legal advisers
certificate that letters, bills & papers
of Attorney &c. &c. are all in order.

Yours faithfully

Edw. A. Kenton

Dr. L. W. Dawson F.R.S.

P.S. Halifax I think you had better
Cable me if your explanations are

satisfactory. "One" I will
understand to mean the Sutherland
River deposit. "Two" the Great Sea
or bed, about which sufficient
apparently is known, "Three" & "Four"
the Specular & Hematite. This
will save ~~out~~ much in cabling.

I shall look for a cable message
in ten or 12 days.

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