

Pictou 21st Sept 1872

Principal Dawson

Dear Sir

I have just rec^d your telegram asking for a tracing of the Merigonisls (Spathie Crow) areas and I enclose the sketch rec^d from Mr. Copeland at the time of the purchase. I expect it has been taken from the Plan of Wentworth Grant but am not certain of that. I have no time to make a copy of it as the mail is closing. Please return it when you have done with it. You will notice that the lot marked with a red cross was the lot purchased, or rather, the one on which, was purchased while under Mortgage and consequently, the title was lost and cannot now be included. The other lots have a ✓ upon them. The parties names will be found in the Schedule handed to Mr. M. Kay.

A difficulty has just

occurred in proving the Simonite Area
Fraser saddle and some of the others
have refused liberty to dig trial pits
and Donald Fraser has had to stop
the work where forbidden as under
a license to work (it being presumed
the prospecting had been perfected)
the only way to get a legal Entrance
as you is to apply for a fee simple
of as much of the land as may be
necessary to work the mine a plan
of which is to be submitted to arbitrators
to value the land required which must
be paid for and if the holder of the
license to work goes on the property
to work without leave from the proprie-
-tor of the soil the license to work ~~must~~
be forfeited according to law & as it
appears to me Mr. Prentices Explorations
on the Simonite Area cannot be
proceeded with until the parties con-
-sent or the legal steps of entry are
taken. Your son was here to consult
respecting the difficulty. We requested
him to see the parties resisting taking
James Holmes with him to try and
advise them to comply - George will

inform you whether he succeeds or not.

Please make no concessions nor guaranties to Mr. Prentice without first asking the consent of associates here and when he returns, should it be thought best to make any here Mr. McKay and you had better advise how far you authorize us to go in that way as regards inside and outside rights. Mr. McKay told us you had given up your rights in the S. B. Brass lot to him have you also given him your fifth share of the lot for 100 on the Pass. The lot at Cameron's by the Church, that is the lot on which the South west Corner of Hudsons area comes in.

Yours Truly
Edward Prentice

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