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M<sup>c</sup>Gill College.

Montreal.

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My dear Sir,

I am glad to learn from yours of the 14<sup>th</sup>, that you think favourably of the Peter Gun deposits. I have for many years known them to be among the best in the world, and of vast capital and favourable circumstances for their development.

You must however have been misinformed in some respects. In the first place Mr Peattie has actually purchased the mines from the Peter proprietors, and

has paid the first instalment  
of the price, so that the  
matter is now entirely in  
his hands. He is now  
in England, his address  
being Conservative Club  
St James Street, London;  
and he has with him  
all my reports, and will  
shortly have that of  
my son on the recent  
experiments.

In the next place  
I do not understand how  
any other parties in England

Can offer you valuable  
your mines in Putnam. I have  
very full information on the  
subject, and I believe  
the only properties not covered  
by Mr. Peetee's purchase  
are one square mile  
on the top of the mountain I believe  
of the files, and some  
miscellaneous lots mostly  
taken up as speculation  
by ignorant persons, around  
the margins of the areas  
which I have selected for  
the Putnam proprietors and  
Mr. Peetee, and of which  
I attach very little value.

I have already advised  
Jes, if he wishes to make  
anything of his property,  
& throw it in with  
Pentecost; and if you have  
any wish to secure the  
really valuable properties  
in Peter, your friends  
would be wise to deal  
with him. I presume  
his price will not be  
excessive; but of that,  
as you have seen the  
property, you can easily  
judge. I think however that  
if Mr. P. should throw up his  
share, which I think not likely,  
the Peter proprietors, knowing themselves  
the masters of the situation, they  
will stand for a higher price.  
With all good wishes  
yours truly  
W Dawson