

The Show  
Stewart is one  
of the gentlemen  
who came out  
to Canada with  
Mr. Prentice  
and is acting  
in Glasgow

WESTERN CLUB,  
GLASGOW.

12 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1872

My dear Sir

You will perhaps remember  
that I had the pleasure of meeting  
you lately in Montreal - presuming  
on our slight acquaintance + at the  
request of Mr. Prentice who has confided  
to me the position of matters with  
regards to the Picture Loan Exports -  
I had prepared to be likely to be  
honored to see or hear by the vendors of  
Lodges and promptly meet his second  
payment - It will probably aid matters  
if I do take to go there but Prentice is

in a fair way of carrying out his  
projects - as he is in the hands of the  
best people in Glasgow, both legal &  
financial - + if he cannot carry it  
out - no one else is likely to do it here

Any ventures that may have been  
made from other <sup>interested</sup> quarters are in my opinion  
not likely to lead to more satisfactory results  
but the reverse - inasmuch as the parties  
who I understand have lately been in  
communication with the vendors & others  
are not possessed of sufficient capital, influence  
or practical experience to enable them success-  
fully to carry out the purchase & development

of these mineral fields.

It should also be remembered that Mr. Prentice has only within the last few weeks received the results of the recent explorations - which results I had ~~been~~ expected to have seen ~~before~~ when I visited the property last autumn. These results have now arrived at the worst season of the year when people are indisposed to new ventures - but notwithstanding these difficulties no time has been lost - Mr. Prentice has been well received by the best people here & I am no doubt will soon satisfy all ~~well~~ interested. An gentleman has promised to subscribe £10000. but the difficulty is at this season to get the many rich men together. An gentleman for instance made an appointment

for a meeting today but this morning  
heliographs that became & kept it, &  
been as yet ~~not~~ seen for a week!  
& so times paper. but Mr. Prentiss is  
making steadily & patiently towards,  
as I believe, a successful result.

You will ~~understand~~ that the Glasgow  
sentences require to be approached in  
an attitude of this sort with considerable  
caution — too much haste is apt  
to bring about the opposite result from  
that intended

May I ask you to convey to me very kindly  
Mrs. Dawson's Miss. Dawson as well as to  
ourselves — still yours with kind regards

Yours very truly

A. J. Shaw Stewart

Principal Dawson F.R.S.