

McGill College.
Montreal.

March 7, 1873

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favour
of July 20th, and with special
reference to the Reports of
your one in Pictou now
opened by Mr Prentice and
reported on by Mr S. M. Dawson
and myself, I beg to state
that the high estimate of
the value of the property
expressed in my Reports
remains unchanged, and
has indeed been confirmed
by the additional explorations
made last autumn. My
earlier reports were based
on surface exposures and on

excavations of limited extent
but which my experience in
such matters warranted
me in regarding as con-
clusive, and the deeper
excavations since made
if they have modified
my first deductions have
in nearly every case done
so for the better by re-
vealing extensions of the
deposits not previously
noted.

It is somewhat curious
to draw comparisons between
the Acadia Mine and the
Penton properties, more especially
as I believe I was myself
the first scientific person who
directed attention to the

The great value of the former
My present impression however
is that the specimen herein
(No 3 of my first memorandum)
and Linnate vein (No 4).
fully represents both in quantity
and quality the great abundance
vein and that the Peter
property has the advantage
of the inexhaustible bed
of red hematite ^(No 2) and of
the ~~specimen~~ Spatter as (No 1)
in addition. The Peter
deposit is also better situated
with regard to fuel and
transport. The only specimen
advantage of the Linnate
mine is that which may
result from the expenditures
there made on locks and
this must be to some extent

contemplating by the
partial exhaustion of
the more careful parts
of the vein

I may add that I
have the utmost confidence
in the capacity of the
Petro deposits as at present
known to supply at a
cheap rate any demands
that may be made as
soon as the most extensive
works for a great number
years and that as
they are opened up new
developments will now
anticipated must be
made.

