

Albany <sup>Preverts</sup> 19 May 1873

Dear Dr. Dawson

I have you telegraph this morning & regret that you cannot be here today as a difficulty has arisen regarding Area 104 which I telegraphed you today, which a few words from you & Mr. Potter by this mail might have rendered harmless. As it stands it may involve trouble & delay.

I have been detained here a week pending the examination of the title which is not yet finished.

It is an important matter that we should know something more of the deposit of Fire Clay at New Glasgow, with this view the proprietors have gone to the expense of pumping out the water so that you

may examine it. I have promised  
that if they <sup>will</sup> do so, you need  
visit it. I shall be glad also if  
you will, in the interest of the  
Company examine the coal seams  
there. I consider it necessary  
that we should acquire a coal  
area in view of the entire  
change in the coal trade &  
the danger of combination on  
the part of the coal companies  
as soon as we are well under  
way. There is surely a  
considerable quantity of coal  
on the Merigomish & Barton  
properties? in spite of the  
alleged faults.

You are aware that I have  
devoted much time to this  
matter, putting aside other  
business, but I cannot ~~so~~  
sacrifice everything, & it is  
simply impossible for me to  
return to New York at  
present. I must get home as

soon as possible, seeing that  
I have to go to England early  
in June.

As soon as matters are closed  
I propose to put a surveying  
party, <sup>with the necessary</sup> to push the exploration  
in the limit area & the  
adjoining one with the view  
of covering as much of the  
outcrop as possible. This  
seems to me the most important  
matter to attend to at  
present as one of our rights  
must be renewed by the  
5<sup>th</sup> June. I rely upon you  
& Mr. Primrose to attend to  
this matter.

The specimen of Red Hematite  
require no more work at  
present, & the Spathe can  
take care of its self.

I shall go to Montreal  
tomorrow or next day when I  
hope to hear from you.

Yours faithfully  
Edw. A. Parson

P. S. It would be well  
to forward by first U. S.  
mail (there is none for  
this part for another fortnight)  
a sketch of the new explanation  
~~of the~~ of the limits of  
three Saddles which Holmes  
tells me are satisfactory,  
of any other facts which you  
can add.

Shawley & Bachnell's Reports  
are even more favorable than  
yours & Jones', so that there  
is a complete verification of my  
story: & now all that is wanted  
is the lawyer's verification.