

Pictou 20th May 1873

My dear Sir

I enclose a letter rec^d
today from Mr. Holmes and thinking
it possible Mr. Prentice might go away
without coming back to Pictou we
telegraphed Holmes as follows

"If Prentice not coming to Pictou "
"tell him MacKay and Dawson here "
"and that if he leaves Nova Scotia with
"-out coming here and making satisfac
"-tory arrangements with the Vendors "
"for the purchase of the iron ore propert
"-ies previously offered to him they "
"will immediately open negotiations "
"for the disposal and sale of the said "
"properties to other parties - of this he "
"may rest assured - give him a copy "
"of this telegram if necessary -"

For the Vendors

signed; Howard Primrose
Agent - "

to which Holmes replied -

"Prentice goes to New Glasgow "
"tomorrow to meet Dawson. did "
"not show him telegraph null "
"Act as occasion requires" -

you need not name Holmes' letter nor
our telegram to Prentice unless he
should conclude to leave Nova Scotia
after having seen you and think
it unnecessary to come here in
which case please read the telegram
to him and assure him that it tells
truly what will occur in consequence
of such decision.

You will observe he has told
Holmes he did not put the J. M.
Fraser property in his schedule
to Mr. Potter but that he means to
pursue McKay for it. This is like
the man and we will not
give him the first or any offer
of that property and we must ask
you not to commit us by making
any promise of the kind (such
as you proposed) in any way
to Mr. Prentice. Please be par-
ticular in this

We suppose Mr. Prentice
will come by the first train

As he is never flying on by 12 o'clock and you
may meet him there. If he comes to Detroit
Please accompanying him. If he declines to come
here he will find such a course will close all
further negotiations with him.

In the position in which he
stands he will make a great mistake if he
thinks he can ignore the necessity of an
immediate consultation and final ar-
rangement with the shareholders at Boston.

Yours Truly

Michael Dawson
Wm. W. W. W.

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