

Bathonsie 10 June 1873

Dear Sir

Herewith I forward by parcel post to your address some shale found on the shores of the Restigouche River - It burns with a free flame if put into a fire

I am desirous to have an analysis made, to ascertain if the shale contains even a paying proportion of oil or gas - or if it is a sign of oil deposits in its neighborhood - sufficient to

warrant boring for an  
oil well. On receipt of a  
reply I will forward the  
fees for the analysis - I  
am not aware of the kind  
of rock adjacent to the  
shale - but I know that  
large quantities of hard  
whin rock much shattered  
exists within a few hun-  
-dred ~~feet~~ <sup>yards</sup> of the locality

I do not know if you  
are in the habit of doing  
such analyses but if not  
please send this letter <sup>or</sup>  
to a fitting person and  
excuse my having troubled

you.

I also forward separately  
to you a small lump of  
a rock which exists in  
large mass at Maple  
Green Brook half way  
between Bushouse and  
Comptons -- Numerous  
large white and bluish  
flints occur in it of  
which I annex a specimen

I remain  
Yours truly  
Care Harris

Mr. J. W. Dawson  
Montreal

Curran  
June 1873

*[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*

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