

Frasers letters.

Nov 9. Limebrook

For the past few days I have been at Materville. I found as I neared Materville the black slate (or Silurian rocks) changed their strike frequently. I saw no traces of specular ore. After I passed the West Branch about one mile I found traces of Limonite or brown hematite at David Cullens. I saw very large Boulders of very compact Limonite. The ore was very pure - the blocks of ore large and numerous. The soil or drift over the rock's quite shallow. This bed of ore is found in the same rock as the specular at John McDonalds Weavens and the strike not materially differing. The ore appeared to me for to nearly crosscut the strike of the rock for I expect for to see this ore on Monday. I did not put some labor on this as yet for the following reason. Cullens is at or about the Southern line of Right of Search - should I think some I might be working for another. I cannot say how large or extensive this vein of ore is. I saw boulders of nearly 1 ton weight - it was this evening I seen it so I hasten to inform you of it. A man by the name of Kather was here a few weeks ago left saying he would take out a right of Search returned word saying there was a right of Search already taken out so that for the present he was out of it. I send you a sketch of the position of Cullens farm as near as I can judge by looking at the locality so that you can act as you see good - I expect to be at Gleggarry Station on the evening of the 12th Instant (Tuesday). I was waited on this evening by a son of Donald McDonalds ~~Ray~~ (Roy) of East River enquiring how much land was taken up by Right of Search above John Oag Brook. I signified to him that all the East River might be said for to be taken up. I judge by his actions

he knew of some good place. Before I ceased talking to him I received a letter from another asking for the same information. McDonald before he left showed me a sample of specular as good as I ever seen - from all I could learn Right of 113 will cover what he knows. You will observe I put Cullens down as in the right of Search yet it is possible he may be outside of the line as I do not know where the North Line is I suppose it to be at R. Dumbars Milling is about 7³/₄ from Dumbars -

Nov 12. Gleggarry. I groped my way here today. I examined all about Cullens place - a Brook S 45 E. of Cullens shows Quartzite rocks having two small veins of Limonite one 15 inches the other about the same 2 feet apart - The ore is not so solid and compact as what is seen in Cullens fields. The general course of the ore is as near as I can make out S 45 E. N. 45 N. I look upon the ore in the Brook and that in Cullens farm as the same vein but the indications across his farm are favorable - the boulders large and plentiful - the ore compact and pure. After I left Cullens I came out of the woods at Frasers Mills (millake) and A. Rob's indications are frequent here but no real ore. Dawson writes me about those indications but as far as I could learn or see I could not find Limonite save at Cullens. I specular ore I did see a trace of it. I am told that on McDonalds farm 2 miles west of here that dust of ore is found in drift

Squire McPhee of Springville informs me that McDonald / his sister's son / went to Halifax for to take out a right of Search on No 113. McPhee told him I did not deceive him when I told him that the right of that place was already taken up but all to no purpose he went to Head Quarters. McPhee tells me that he trenched and says there is a large quantity. In thinking over the matter I concluded I had better see at once his trench before winter sets in or that he may cover it. My intention now is for to get to his place early tomorrow before he can close his trench. I understand it was plowing his discovery was made. Cullen knows the exact time of the expiration of Right of Search also is prospecting for latter I asked permission for to make some trenches he did not object but signified he would rather leave it alone.

Nov 19. Timonite Brook I do not feel very well for the past few days owing to some drenchings I got while in the woods. Last week I examined No 113 Right of Search. This exposure is to be seen on Donald McDonald's (Roy's) farm. It is on the line of the continuation of ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{peculiar} ~~the~~ ^{ore} of John McDonald's Weaver. More facing the River than on the top of the Hill. It was discovered ploughing a new field or breaking in a pasture. McDonald's made a few small ~~flat~~ pits a few feet apart. over 60 feet long each showing ore. It is supposed from the appearance that the whole space was not ore, that some rock would be found intersecting the mass. It differs from John Weaver's ore. it is some brighter & is also magnetic so much so that the compass needle will become stationary the moment you near the ore. Since I seen the ore at Cullen's in black slate (Seminite) I look for it at McDonald's. A hundred East or down Hill from the ore, Timonite boulders are to be found some very large and differing slightly in appearance from Saddle being darker & more elongated & very hard. Boulders are common on this side of the East River in many places which is new to me but the fact of Timonite being found is beyond dispute in this locality. McDonald's covered a quantity to the River to make a breakwater and what remains are some that were too heavy to remove away.

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