

Pictou 18th Decr 1873.

Principal Dawson. Montreal

My Dear Sir

I am favored with yours of 6th & 12th Inst. You must remember that Mr. Holmes influenced with the Govt. is not as great as it would be if he were a supporter of the Govt. He went to Halifax yesterday and promised to do all that he could about a Diamond Drill. His Right of Search Expires on 8th July prox. and I do not think therefore that he is likely to profit much by the boring. In case of failure in getting the Drill how would it do to amalgamate the interests of your Coy - Holmes - Hudson & Essons and prove the Locality fully and take immediately extensive additional Rights. I do not know that the parties outside of your Coy would agree to this, but think it would be a judicious move for all concerned. Should your friends disapprove of this, would it not be well for them to take one or two additional Rights on 142 & 143 remembering however that Hudson will certainly take two of the best miles out of them should the developements of the boring be encouraging.

I note your remarks about the mile to work on areas 103 & 105. Cullen's House was erroneously placed on the Plan you have. I enclosed a sketch on which it is laid down from actual survey. The red square on 105 is the actual position of Cullen's House - the red dotted line is the outcropping of the ore as indicated on the little Plan you gave us to take out the area by. The description attached to the sketch was based upon the position of Cullen's House and the indications of the ore pass out of 105 a short distance to the Eastward of the House.

As respects the other Areas I have but little to add to what I have said in my letter of 8th Inst. If we were working for ourselves it is not likely we would take out haphazard Licenses to Work & the more especially so where we have one or two additional Rights of Search Existing - nor where we have expiring rights where no sufficient indications exist.

If Mr Prentice has bound himself to do this he must be entirely responsible for the selections made and we think you will certainly commit yourself with him should you direct him where to make them. In any event he should put us in funds to meet his requirements in this direction - we are already in advance on his account ~~\$2~~ about \$400. Should he fail to pay up it will be money thrown away & the principal part will have to be made good by the Montreal Co.

I think I informed you before that Mr Parkinson had taken out Rights following ours on all the areas (except I think those leading towards Glenegaring) and that Mr Holmes informed us that Mr Prentice was much disappointed at this. Mr H. met Mr P. in the Mines office last summer when the latter said he had come there with the intention of doing what he regretted to find Parkinson had anticipated him in and that he Prentice / seemed much disappointed. I do not imagine therefore that Prentice is unacquainted with the position he holds on these areas -

My father and all the other Primroses send to you their kind remembrances and the compliments of the season.

Yours truly
Howard Primrose

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