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Pictou 30th Jan'y 1874

Dr. Dawson.

My Dear Sir

Mr Duddew, who is here from Montreal on a visit, called on us in the course of conversation said that Prentice had given the Jacques Cartier Bank a Mortgage on the properties which we transferred to him or had in some way ^{pledged} ~~pledged~~ these properties to that Bank as collateral security for the payment of his Bill on Potter for the \$40,000. We told Mr Duddew we had a Mortgage from Prentice for \$40,000 balance of the purchase money & that it was recorded at the Mines Office in Halifax & the Record Office here. It would be well to ascertain quietly if this ^{as regards Jacques Car. Bank} be so, altho we feel confident that even if true it would not in any manner

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invalidate our Mortgage altho
it may introduce complications
calculated to delay somewhat
our foreclosure should that be
eventually necessary. Our
Mortgage is dated 21st May 1873.
same date as the Deed. & were
both registered here on 1st June &
at Halifax in the Minis office
9th August '73: Mr. Carnaud
wrote us that these papers were
the only ones registered there at
that time & on enquiry to day
at the Record office here we find
that none others are yet on registry
here.

We would like to know
whether Mr. Puddens information
is correct. He says the Books
are in possession of the Titles re
transferred to Prentice & if so this
may account for Prentice's not
having sent us the license to work
at Trues Saddler's to get the

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one year extension of time endorsed upon it at the
Mining office Hae. ^{Myself} He Mr Holms I have had my
as required by Act 3.
Letter from Prentice.

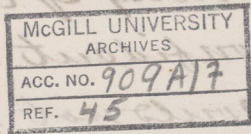
Some of the Londonberry Mines
has taken out a number of Areas in the vicinity
of Rivisdale towards Men on the North side of
Salmon River & towards North River. He is sinking
a shaft on one of them having taken out 1 mile
to work. The southern margin of his areas embrace
part of the Railway. Mr Kirknie has taken out
one Area for us having discovered some very fine
Samples of Limonite in one of the Railway Cuttings
about a mile from Rivisdale towards Abins.
Should there be any body of it there it could not
be more convenient for transport by rail.

Yours very truly

Howard Prentiss

Excuse the hurried

mail in which I write. I am much pressed for time



Howard
Prentiss