

Presby - 28

£200,000

2, Westminster Chambers,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.

7 May 1874

Dear Sir

Pictou mining rights

Mr. Prentice has already made you aware of the offer of the Halifax Company to form a company forthwith for the purchase of these rights at the price of £32500. £25000 in cash and the balance in shares - but they require - and as a quid pro quo - that he shall find subscribers in Canada to the extent of £10000 - as evidence of the estimation in which the property is held there - they particularly mentioned the names of Messrs. Prentice & yourself as gentlemen with whom they would be glad to be associated -

I fear that unless you can cable here that this amount of local subs. can be obtained the matter will fall through - I may mention in confidence that the name of Mr. Hugh Allan was not well received - so that unless you are driven I should like the subscription independently of him - the subscribers must be such as the Halifax Company are likely to approve of - If you confer

with Wogohi the Hauber - he will doubtless
be of assistance - no doubt Mr. ^{Wm} Prentiss
would be agent for the County of Picton
and as such their association would be
valuable to them -

I wish to impress upon ^{you} that this seems
to be the last chance - "trade here is
so depressed - particularly the iron
trade that I am surprised at the
success we have now met with - after
the extraordinary difficulties which
have been thrown in his ^(Mr. Prentiss) way

This letter please to show to Wogohi & if
you can obtain subscribers, cable
their names and the total amount

- no subscribers shd. be less than
£1000 and better if larger

be sending your cable it will be
sufficient to address "Prentiss Conservative
London"

Francis Dawson

Yours truly

H. F. Barrett

Dr. Geo Dawson F.R.S.

London

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