



H. Murray
Petow 15 - Oct 1874.

My dear Sir

We have had Mr Webster engaged for some time this summer prospecting the Iron areas we hold outside the sale to Prentice and we enclose herein his notes ~~see~~, thinking their perusal might be interesting to you and if you notice any new fact of importance you might find it useful for future guidance.

Mr Holmes has, with other associates (we are not interested in any way) been carrying on operations on an area at Onslow Col: where good indications of coal are said to exist.

He has asked me to send you the enclosed mem^o relative thereto showing extent and results of operations so far as he thought

You might like to see what has been done as to its bearing on geological matters. There is no hurry about returning these papers. You can do so when you have had leisure to examine their contents.

We had a visit recently from Mr. Selwyn of the Geological Survey who was on his way to Montreal from Cape Breton. He told us that parties who had embarked large capital in erecting works to smelt Titanic Iron in Canada were looking for red hematite to smelt with their ore, which, alone, contained so much Titanic acid as to render smelting very expensive. We spoke to him of the Wentworth Grants & the writer offered to accompany him to the Deposits but Mr. S. had no time to spare. as he was re

turning on account of illness in his family.

We cannot of course, speak positively, but we think it probable that a Company making to export this ore could do so, with a tramway to Merigonish harbor, without heavy expense.

We have just recd. yours of 9th Inst. and are somewhat astonished to find that the Bond is not yet executed as Mr. Henry McKay wrote us on 29th Ult^o. that "the papers are now all completed". ~~Some~~ On ~~the~~ We telegraphed him asking why the Bond and Papers had not been forwarded to which he has made no reply.

Money is not wanted so far as we know but my father executed a Release of the Mortgage about 3 mo ago & the other parties interested (as well as himself) think it strange that no cause has been heretofore assigned ^{to him} for the delay and if not too much trouble would like you to ask Mr. Crawford when it is likely to be completed and who the parties are for whom it is detained.

I am sure the meetings you have had in connexion with the Grand Alliance M. & have been most interesting. We shall look for the Reports of proceedings with eagerness.

Yours sincerely, ~~substant~~

H. P. P. P.

Perhaps you can ascertain for us also who are the parties who have signed the Bond

Principal Dawson