

Pictou 15th Decr 1874

My dear Sir

I duly rec^d yours of 30th Ult^o with cheque for \$20 which I at once forwarded to Mr. McGregor as you subst to our Mr. Gillis. He has acknowledged receipt.

We are sorry you should be so much worried with the vexatious delay of the papers connected with the Iron property. We are apprehensive that some new complication has arisen as we have had no tidings since receipt of your letter. Operations on the areas have been suspended sometime since for the season. We expect Mr. Gillis up from Halifax shortly to close up matters. He is endeavoring to get the samples of ore, coal.

fireclay, and limestone, forwarded
to England from Halifax by the
steamer that sails today.

We all cordially unite
in wishing you and yours a
Merry Xmas and a happy new
year.

(Yours sincerely)
Howard Prior

Principal Dawson

H. P. Morse
Dec 1/87