

Pictou 23<sup>d</sup> July '75.

My dear Sir

We received the Bond for the \$40,000 yesterday - permit me to congratulate you on this termination of the arduous labors - through which this has been accomplished. I know this matter has been the occasion of much anxiety and trouble to you. It has also kept me very busy for some years past besides being under much anxiety from the responsibility connected with the management here. The favorable termination of this matter is however, very gratifying to us as we feel assured it must be to you. I cannot express the gratitude we feel for your

knowing and that of your family  
to our daughters. I was glad to  
learn from them that George  
is with you & I yesterday rec<sup>d</sup> a  
Gazette from him (for which  
please thank him) I expect to  
have a treat in reading the par-  
-agraph referring to the work of  
the Boundary Com<sup>rs</sup>. I presume  
an official Report will be issued  
& if any are "for distribution" I  
would be much obliged to George  
if he would send me a copy.

Hogan is at work, with his  
diamond drill, on the farm of  
H. Deacon Hardwood Hill near  
Sawmill Brook on Clunck's Plain  
He is about 200 feet down has  
passed through, chiefly, freestone  
with occasionally a streak of  
black substance like shale or coal

He has had no difficulty with this hole averaging about 13 feet a day. he says he can work to better advantage in warm weather. Cold weather and short days retard their progress very materially. He has brought us a core of 8 feet from the present hole. Would you suggest any place where a hole might be put down with a reasonable chance of success. Hogan did not expect to find coal where is now working but <sup>the locality</sup> being near his residence he has gone to work <sup>there</sup> to acquaint himself and his foreman with the practical use of the drill.

Without united kind regards to you all I remain very truly yours  
Principal Dawson                      Howard Pinworth

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