

Dunbar

Dieton 28th May 1875.

My dear Sir

I duly rec^d your of 22nd Inst. and regret very much to find that Prentice is giving so much trouble. You are aware my father formed a most unfavorable opinion of him on his first visit to Dieton that opinion became more confirmed by his conduct throughout the whole of his subsequent negotiations.

It grieves us more than anything else that he should so annoy you by threats, or otherwise but have no doubt he would, unscrupulously, pursue any course which he thinks likely to turn money into his own pocket. We feel quite beyond his power as in the deed of transfer of the Iron Property's to Prentice the following covenant is embraced.

'and the said Edward Alexander

"Prestico hereby agrees with the parties"
 "hereto of the first part, to accept and"
 "take the foregoing conveyance in full"
 "satisfaction and discharge of the"
 "said agreement hereinbefore recited"
 "in reference to the sale and transfer"
 "of the mining locations rights and"
 "privileges so conveyed or intended so"
 "to be, and of all ~~other~~ subsequent of"
 "any other agreements or undertakings"
 "written or verbal by or on behalf"
 "of the said parties of the first part"
 "or any or either of them of and"
 "Concerning the same and as trans"
 "ferring to him all the said mining"
 "locations rights privileges and properties"
 "so agreed to be conveyed."

You will remember you are
 one of the "parties of the first part" re-
 ferred to and I think the clause above
 will protect you from any ultimate
 consequences but it is in every way
 annoying to have to do with such
 a man. The \$40,000 Bond and
 interest, is not payable until 25th
 July next and I do not see that

you should be called on to pay your \$1000 until the Bond is paid on 20th July but if you require the \$1000 on 30th June you can draw on me for the amount at 20 days sight from said 30th with the understanding that if any difficulty occurs about the due payment of the Bond at maturity (which I cannot anticipate) you will put me in funds.

We shall all regret ^{it} very much should you be unable to visit Noragotia this season. But hope something may turn up to induce you to come *if you do you must come and stay at my house without any hesitation. Mrs O and I hope you will allow Eva to come down with the girls and spend the summer with us.

I have written Capt. McKenzie to go up for them and see them safely on board the steamer for Pitou from Quebec. They will come under charge of either Capt. Davison or Capt. Baquet in the "Secret" or "Miramichi".

I have today had an interview with a Mr Wilson one of five parties who have discovered 3 seams of Copper this spring at Polson's Lake on the rising ground some 300 yards from the Lake to the south. He says they have discovered 3 lodes 6 feet. Two feet. One foot respectively. I think from all I can learn they are on Rob's area but that will have to be decided by a special survey. William Rob has written to his uncle Henry McKay today. McKay will likely show you his letter.

Principal Dawson. Yours very truly, H. Primrose

P.S. Since writing the enclosed.
 Mr Gilpin informs me that Donald
 Fraser is well persuaded of the
 presence of Kimonite in Silurian
 slates on McKellans Brook on
 the farm of one Mr. Innes at
 the spot marked \times on the enclosed
 pencil sketch. If you have a
 copy of the ^{plan of the} Iron areas sold (rentice
 lay the enclosed on it to cover the
 lines of Area 49 & you will see
 the exact position of \times .

Mr Gilpin talks of taking out
 a 5 mile ^{1st & 2nd Rights} area for the ^{Montreal} Coy to cover
 \times I have traced it on the enclosed
 as far as my "line" would admit.

I find an unexpired Right in
 name of one Barton (expiring 30
 June next) cuts across at the red
 line & have asked Mr Gilpin if he
 thinks it best to wait until then
 before taking out the Rights.

J.H.P.

Gilpin is making a little exploration at Cullers on No 11. promise satisfactory so far.