

RAGEBRIDGE, June 17th 1877.

Dear Sir,

I enclose you an article which we gave in our last issue in the Free Grant Gazette (a journal with which I am at present connected) as a continuation of one in the week before, on the Gold Field in Craunhurst. As I referred largely to your researches on Nova Scotian geology therein, I thought you might like to see the article. Have you written anything on the Geology of Muskoka or is there any available treatise thereon? Your view that mineral exploration comes legitimately within the province of the Government, as doing systematically and with prospect of success, what otherwise must be consigned to the spasmodic and uncertain efforts of individuals - though originally enunciated with reference to Nova Scotia, would apply mutatis mutandis to Muskoka. I wish very much that you could take a trip to Muskoka this summer or fall - apart from any geological attractions, the scenery is very enjoyable and owing to its elevation above the sea, the climate is very much cooler than most parts of Ontario in the summer. This village is only a ~~short~~ few hours journey by rail and steamer from Toronto, and we have good Hotel accommodations here. By the summer arrangements of the Northern Railway - a train leaves

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E. F. STEPHENSON,
Government Inspector of Licenses.

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Toronto 7 a.m., arriving at Granby 1.40 p.m.
Passengers can reach Bricebridge the same day.

Remain

dear Sir
Yours truly

W. E. Hamilton.

P.S. You may possibly remember my sending you
some years ago, from the Eastern Townships, where
I then resided, a field stone which the Country
people about Marlboro firmly believed was
a petrified bird, and also my presenting a
copy of my father's book *Poetry and Prose*
(the Elements of Quaternions, by the late Sir W. R. Hamilton)
the text of which you were good enough to acknowledge.

W. E. H.

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Hamilton
Jan 11/77