

Pictou 10th of ^{June} July 1879

My Dear Dr Dawson

I have to apologise
for omitting for so long a time to
answer your letter of 14th Sept but
soon after its date as you are
doubtless aware I was visited
by a very severe baranment,
which in a measure unfitted me
for giving prompt attention
to matters of business.

As regards your lot
on the East River after reading
your letter to Howard regarding
it I made enquiry respecting
its occupation by the Indians
but do not find that it has for
some time been a place of resort
for them and I have not been able
to see in what way it could be

made secure for them by transferring
it to any Public or corporate body
in such way as that it would not be
subject to neglect or mismanagement.

Mr. Reid reported to
me that it was impossible to
find the lines without the aid of
an experienced Surveyor and as
the property may some day be
valuable I directed him to get
Peter Ross (whom you will know)
to run out the lines anew and
make a plan of the property which
I now enclose for your inspection.

You can either return it
to me to be filed among your
papers here or retain it as you
think proper. You will see the
cost is larger (\$14⁷⁵) than I ex-
pected it would have been but
Mr. Ross had some difficulty
and delay in consulting old plans

and records to enable him to make
a correct plan of the property.

The amount \$14²⁸ is at the debit
of your ac in Ginnross Gutter boots
and need not be remitted now
as some payments will be made
to your credit by and by by John
Graser. The property has so much
river deep water frontage that it
ought to be valuable by and by
and the new plan will make it
much more eligible when offered
for sale. With kindest regards

to Mrs Dawson yourself & family

I am, my dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

James Ginnross

Pray excuse me not answering your
note of 16th 17 Dec last. I put these on file
& they escaped attention. The \$20 was paid
for you to Foreign Missions as requested. I suppose
you saw the acknowledgment in the proper
quarter. Ross seems to be (after almost an
actual fight) in possession of the Polson Lake Mine
has 30 men at work. J.G.

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for sale. It is the best property
to Mr. Brown's family
I am, my dear
Yours very truly
James Brown

My dear Mr. Brown
I have the pleasure to inform you
that the Commission of the
has been appointed to
investigate the property
of the Commission of the
and to report to the
Government of the
Province of Ontario
in the month of
September next.