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Dear Dr. Dawson: -

I was at home
for a very few days. I am ob-
liged to leave for the West
again -

I was much
interested by my trip to Iron
Section. - I gave my views to
Dr. Davis - He I think propo-
-ses visiting Montreal this
week. -

If the proportion
of ~~needh~~ & ~~concretionary~~ ore
to the limonite deposit is large
it will doubtless yield some shipping
ore. It specimens are shown a

very large percentage of pyrites
iron that it has weathered - much
more than it did, than first mined,
according to Infilpin. He thinks
this is local - if not, it is fatal
to the value. I am sure that
sooner or later all these ores will be
of immense value - & I hope
Mr. Davis will be able to devise a
plan of securing them. But it
can be done without considerable
risk: for the price of Bessemer ore
is falling - & that of the field
Thomas method comes into use (it
is being tried at Chicago) & price of
iron ore will decline still more.
The Victor ore must be made into
iron in Victor Co. - There is no local
market: - & a margin of profit on

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iron imported into the States if any,
could be very small & variable.
The only other alternative is making
a export trade & this will de-
mand much money & patience.
and such a scheme cannot be
introduced in a short time. -
The mines must evidently be
opened systematically at once. -
It is very problematical whether
much of their yield will be an
export - & whether therefore the
work will be done to a profit
or loss. -

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The important bit of business of our
 work is our small & general
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 - report from the
 - should have many & features
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 of which cannot be
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