

Dudswell Centre May 23^d, 1882

Principal Dawson

Dear Sir

I have lately been reading an extract in an old Dominion Monthly from a work by you on Acadian Geology more particularly that portion regarding the Gold veins in Nova Scotia. I wish to ask you a few questions about gold formations. In the first place to what age of rocks does the slaty rocks in the E. S. Townships belong? Does all Placer gold come from Quartz veins? As I have found aluvial gold in the Townships of Dudswell & Westbury in crevices in the slaty bed. rock of some of the streams nuggets of various sizes from twenty five cents to (\$8.00) would you consider such showing would warrant one in making further search with any probability of success? From such showing

of Placer gold would you be led to believe there were Quartz veins in the same localities carrying free Gold? And if so would it be likely to be above the aluvial deposits higher up in the valley of the stream? There being a good Placer Mine in the Township of ^{on the} ~~the~~ ^{Dutton River} Dutton, are there not as likely to be deposits on streams emptying into the St Francis and coming from the Stoke mountains? Is the strike of a ledge opposite the dip? If you will be so kind as to take the trouble to answer the above questions you will bestow a great favour on me -

I remain yours with Respect -

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