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Scargill James
Pictou Sept 12-1872

Dear Papa

I arrived here quite
safely this afternoon after
a pleasant & uneventful journey.
The trains were on time &
I made all connections
without difficulty.

I have seen Prentice, the
Primroses, Homes & others
interested in the iron business.

There seems considerable
difficulty

A difference between Prentice
& the other parties here. Prentice
no doubt bothered by the
discretion of Robertson at St
John pitched into everybody all
round as soon as he got here.

I don't think Prentice would
like to loose his bargain, & no
doubt all will be settled in
the end, but meanwhile he has
been making himself very disagreeable.

He seems to think that as the
extension of Hudsons are to the
N. has now been rendered more
uncertain that the area taken
out by Primroses on the East

of Websters should go with
the rest. This the people here will
not consent too. All having formed
the opinion that if Prentice be given
an inch he will require an ell.
Besides Primrose tells me in
confidence that instigated by Carmichael
Fraser on whose farm this part
of the ae lies has, or is about to
bring an action in the equity
Court regarding the manner in
which Holmes obtained the deeds.
This pending the land cannot
be transferred to anybody, & the
Primroses do not wish Prentice
to know that this difficulty has
arisen. Prentice is such a
troublesome

sort of man, & seems to
impress everybody with whom
he comes in contact with such
an idea of double dealing that
I think it might be almost
better if it falls through in
his hands altogether.

However I will do the best I
can towards the developement
of the deposits for him at
present. Mr Robertson will
return to examine them before
the first of October if sufficient
work can be done ere that
time. Prentice has got a force of
men & tools, & has also indicated

Mr Deen in the service.

We are to start for the East
River tomorrow morning
& very probably may remain
there till Saturday.

Robertson seems to be an absurd
sort of man. I saw his
memorandum to Prentice regarding
the work to be done. Fancy sinking
pits at intervals of 30 feet
(or fathoms I don't know which
he means) along miles of
outcrop. It would take years
to do, & be no good when finished.

I hope mamma has safely
returned from Knowlton before

this reaches. Please say
that I meant to love
written to her but had time
has arrived & I don't want
to be late having to get up at
five in the morning.

With love to yourself &
all

Your affectionate son
George.

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