

Perth
May 30th 1876

B. J. Harrington Esq,
Dear Sir,

I have obtained the following information as to the Shumbago Works and trust it may be sufficient for your purpose, I am sorry there is not more of it but they keep their business as much a secret as possible and dislike being questioned about it.

The factory is situated at Oliver's Ferry, a point on the Rideau Canal seven miles from Perth, the mine is about half a mile distant from the works.

Previous to the erection of
the works in 1871 no running
of any importance was done
but from 1871 to the summer
of 1873. ^(see thousand) 6000 tons must
have been runned, since
1873 no running has been
done though the factory
has been running lightly
most of the time working
up the ore on hand.

The whole of this 6000 tons
was runned and delivered at
the works under a contract
at the low rate of 80[¢] per
ton, this will give you
some idea of the extent
of the ore bed which is
practically unlimited and
appears very little the
more for the large quantity

that has been taken out
of it.

I omitted to say that for
the last two months no
work at all has been done
on the premises owing to
a lawsuit which is pending
between the proprietors and
a Dr Morris of this town.
I believe the concern is in
Chancery.

A sample of the ore in its
crude state has been sent
to Philadelphia in the
Ontario government collection.
The piece probably weighs
30 or 40 pounds.

This I think is all I can
say about it but if there
are any other particulars
you wish to have please

let me know or if there
are any other subjects on
which you desire informa-
tion I shall at all times
be happy to give it if in
my power.

I am
Yours truly
W. D. Davis

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Information about
Managers of Davis
+ son.