

Joyous, N.S. May 18th 1877

My dear Sir,

I have delayed forwarding anything in the way of mining material awaiting a reply from Mr Poole - the Inspector of Mines for Nova Scotia - to whom I had written for suggestions on the subject and urging that the Local Government should make and donate a full collection to the University.

It occurs to me that the matter is really one of more than ordinary importance to our Mining interests and I confess to a little surprise that the Hon. Commissioner of Mines should not have viewed it in that light still believing that if the matter were pressed upon his notice from influential quarters the object of a grant for this purpose might be secured.

If this measure could be carried the formation of the collection would naturally

to plan in Mr. Pootis hands who as a
Government officer has constant access
to and is thoroughly acquainted with
everything of value in Nova Scotia mining
and would I am sure take a pride in
having our great Provincial industry
autably represented at the first Uni-
versity of the Dominion.

Should this plan altogether fail might
not the grant be legitimately looked
for from the General Government either
as a special item or in connection with
the grant for the Geological Survey to
which it would in fact be supplementary.

I do not throw out these suggestions as
indicating any unwillingness on my part
to do anything in my power to complete
the object proposed but I ^{am} conscious that
not only my want of resources but of
opportunities of making a proper selec-
tion, as well, would operate against the
collection being such as it should be
to meet the end desired and to represent

in a suitable manner the very important
summary interests of the Province.

The little Colony with which I am un-
fortunate enough to be connected is in
no particular a representation our
and tied down by duties quite impor-
tant to the office of a Manager I have
no opportunity to visit them which do
come up even to the level of opportunity

I enclose Mr Poots's note and would
be glad of your views on the subject
in relation I will in conjunction with
my Brother in Cape Town continue to
do all that I can in the way of pro-
curing both glass and other plants
as may be available which should it
appear advisable can be at once for-
warded

I am dear Sir

Very faithfully yours

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