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Acton Vale P. 2. 7th Jan'y 1878.

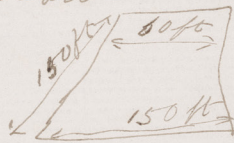
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Dear Sir

I have sent to
you a box containing
samples of each size of
slate manufactured when
the Quarry was working.
I sent two of each size
so that you can keep
one of each size for the
Montreal collection and send
the other of each size to
Paris. We got the
Quarry when it closed
this fall so that we
could make enough slate
to pay expenses but
the demand here and

prices having fallen so low the Proprietor resolved to close till times got better. Formerly we got \$5⁵⁰ to \$6⁰⁰ per square for these slate but now they only bring \$3⁵⁰ to \$3⁰⁰ per square.

About 40 men were employed. And 600 squares of slate made. The Quarry measures about and 35 ft in the deepest part.



This Quarry to be worked to advantage should be not worked for Roofing slate only as formerly but Tiles for flooring and flags Manufacture and when a siding was constructed to G. T. R. only 1/2 mile distant all the waste can be sold for building stone. Yours truly
The samples sent are poor John Stewart
as we are not working

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Jan 7th

John Stewart, Actonvale

State for Paris Exhibition
from Rankin Hill Quarry

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