See last paragraph
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February 26th 1902.

My Dear Mum ;-

Just a line in confirmation of my telegram. As explained therein my wire to Jarvis was sent with the object in view of having those of the committee who do not possess your technical knowledge put down a conservative sum as recompense for their services. Your figures as far as you are personally concerned I consider very reasonable indeed, but as a standard for the others it would not have been advisable to accept until the amounts required by the others was known. Jarvis in his telegram to me only said what your price was, no mention whatever about the balance.

I have wired him for information on this point and when received will telegraph him accepting your offer. In the meantime I expect my first telegram will have the desired effect of keeping the others down, as some of the larger concerns such as Rithet, and the other Victorians are kicking about amount set aside for promotion not covering cost of starting company, paying expenses of committee, etc. They claim to believe that these preliminary expenses will easily reach $50,000 and it is with the object to proving them wrong

well as for economy that I am so particular.

I will see Ewen as soon as possible as I presume you have communicated with him. I hope however you will make your mind easy on the present question as my reasons for telegraphing were entirely different from your construction of them, and I have no doubt at all of seeing you out here on the committee if I am successful at this end.

Progress is slow but very satisfactory I have options on ten and expect about as much more by the weeks end. All the Victoria parties seem very favorable and I have every reason to expect them all, but with Rithet in Frisco, and Findlay, D & B. & the Federation head offices in England there necessarily is some delay.

Todd is very favorable and very smart. He has submitted definite figures on his three plants (Beaver, Richmond and Inverness on Skeena) together with his "Horse shoe" brand but he says that as the latter has a value while most of the canneries have no good will to offer, the committee might not agree to accept

his price. In giving me an option he says that he knows the fact of his having done so will assist greatly in getting others in, and if he is then dropped out he would have assisted in strengthening his opposition at loss to himself. He is ready to-day to sign the option but will only do so provided the committee will agree beforehand on accepting his price provided the necessary 60% are secured. Of course what he says is undoubtedly true and it may be advisable to accede to his request. I have wired Jarvis about it and if the committee through your knowledge of the property decide to pass the question of price before starting west I would have Murray & Sweeny go into the figures with me and if found reasonable we would advise the committee

With regards to Mrs Munn and the Premier

Very Sincerely

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