

Westmeath, Ont. Dec^r, 6th 1900

Dear John /

I spent the last two days over at Wallham and things there look good for Gillis. The only two that I saw who told me they would vote for Brabazon and Ned Taylor and Stephen Robinson, but the latter may change his mind before he votes. I saw Hawkins yesterday and he promised me to come out vote for Gillis and also to bring his son James, but in case I may have to send after him I intend taking my team over there with me to-morrow. I saw the most of the islanders with whom I contact and they are all solid excepting Alex Ryan and I could do nothing with him, he is out for money and I told him promptly that unless he could see his way clear to vote for his own interests that we would not buy his vote, he told some parties here that allway had offered him \$50⁰⁰ to vote for Gillis but I believe he was telling a deliberate lie for in my conversation with him he never hinted at it. Charlie Ryan pretends that he can get a couple of others on the island to vote for Gillis so I am sending him there but he is such an awful liar himself that I can hardly tell if he is deceiving me or not but he promised me faithfully to vote for Gillis. I rec'd your letter with papers re John Fraser J. and we will try and go into that matter on Saturday. I will spend most of the day at Wallham

Your affectionate bro.

A. H. A. - -

Westmeath, Ont. December, 8th 1900

J. B. Frawley
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear John /

I enclose you two cheques for deposit which had been forwarded here, one from Robert Sturman for \$502⁰⁰ and one from Ed. St. Jacques for \$1250⁰⁰ ap. Deschênes Electric Co. Ltd.

I expected to go into the arbitration with Alex G. Day but he has gone out to buy hay and oats and I cannot get him until Monday next and if I see that weather is going to be cold I will wait a day or two longer in order to get my share killed and packed, but in the event of it turning mild will be down on Tuesday. Should you require me for anything drop me a word and I will go at once.

I have not heard full particulars of Gillies majority but have heard enough to know he has won by a fairly good majority. The poll at Walltown gave him 25 majority being less than the minority received.

Yours affectionately bro.

J. B. Frawley

Westmeath, Ont. Dec^r, 10th 1900

Dear John

We commenced killing our steers this morning and if I see that the weather is going to continue cold will keep on killing until we finish. The lake here is completely frozen over as well as at Spotswoods & Lapasse but I will look for a thaw soon and intend having the beef very carefully packed away. I bought a fine man this morning for \$130⁰⁰ eight years old and am going out back of Beachburg to buy a mate for her. This will give us 5 teams to take up the sleighs and I ought to be all we will require. I expected to have gone into that arbitration to-day but Alex was unable to help me as he is busy buying in his hay and oats. Hay is now selling at \$8⁵⁰ in Cobden, I saw a letter from Paterson received offering them that price for 4 cars and I am afraid we missed it by not closing with Alex for all we require. I am not so much afraid of the oats as I am of hay and Alex is closing up his contract with Mr. Sachlin as quickly as he can.

Yours affectionately bro.

A. H. H. H. H.

I saw a man from our place to-day who told me Campbell was to be down as soon as there was cold weather. He said they were drawing some at Simoches Camp but that there was no ice when he left on the 5th inst.

A. H. H. H.

Westmeath, Ont. Dec- 11 / 1900

Dear John

Alex and I have at last got through the John Fraser Accounts, but we cannot yet decide on the error of measurement of logs first years business nor the difference on logs in last years business. Every thing else has been dealt with to a certain extent and this afternoon I am going to make out type written reports of our work to take down with us. I am going to try and go down on the afternoon train to-morrow if I can possibly get away as I am afraid it is going to turn soft again and after to-morrow will not kill the balance of the steers until we get another cold spell. We expect to have about 25 killed to-morrow which will leave nine more to kill. Of course if it continues cold we will finish killing but in any case I will start the untrapping beef to-morrow. It is the nicest lot of beef I ever killed here.

Your affectionate bro.

J. H. Fraser

Westmeath, Ont. December, 19th 1900

J. B. Fraser Esq

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear John

I went down to Lafosse yesterday afternoon and think by singling out the horses that we will be able to cross safely to-morrow so I am getting ready to leave here to-morrow and will go to Campbell's Bay to-morrow night and get them loaded ready to leave there on Friday morning. I will go on up to see Quate and those other parties from whom we purchased hay coats last year and expect to get back on Saturday and will likely run down either that night or Monday morning to spend Xmas at home, so will have to leave arbitration to finish next week as I will return a day or two after Xmas. I have award ready to fill out as well as release from John Fraser and letter re his sons claim. Alex is to see John this week and get a list of his creditors to have ready for next week. Will forward letter to Campbell with teams. I told Alex about your butter and he promised to attend to it at once. Of course if it should turn to rain I will have to hold teams until cold weather sets in again.

Your affectionate bro

J. B. Fraser

Campbells Bay, Dec^r 20/1900

Dear John /

Your telegram has just been forwarded to me here and I am sending a team on to Otter Lake to-night with instructions for Roy to send on a special messenger to get Campbell - I feel very sure he is on the way down and that they will meet him somewhere on the road and may get him here in time to

four o'clock to-day and have just
got the sleighs together and ready for
an early start in the morning. I
am going up to see Oneale and other
parties about hay & oats and will
hardly get back to Westmeath on
Saturday evening and will be down
on Monday morning.

Your affectionate bro.
N. H. W. Fraser

Westmeath, Ont. December, 28th 1900

Dear John

I now enclose your statement in detail of the balance we now find in favor of John Fraser Jr. namely the sum of \$1862.35 as Oct 15/95 the date of the judgement. You will see that we have compounded the interest both in debit credit of the account. We do not charge him for error in measurement first years logs but deduct from his claim on logs for last year the sum of \$187⁵⁵-. Alex did not care to deduct anything more and in order to arrive at a settlement I gave in. Please go over these accounts and be sure and mail them to us without fail to-morrow afternoon so that I will receive them on Monday forenoon when the award can be made out and it wont then be necessary to further adjourn the arbitration. I cannot get any beans here so you had better figure on getting them from Montreal. Purchased bal. of butter from Brown & Paterson to-day

In haste

Your affectionate bro.

J. H. Fraser

J. B. Fraser dep
Ottawa