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AMHERST, NOVA SCOTIA

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Mr. Reginald V. Harris,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Harris:

Sorry you cannot be in Amherst on the 29th, but will be looking for you on the 10th of December.

Re: Cocoanut fibre; doctors differ. An expert at the Smithsonian Institution stated it was undoubtedly cocoanut fibre and under the conditions in which it was found, may have been there for hundreds of years.

Other experts have before this, pronounced it Manila hemp. Considering the quantity found in former years, both at the shore and at the pit, I cannot see that it is of material importance whether it is one or the other. I prefer, however, to accept the Smithsonian opinion.

Fraser, who superintended the work in the sixties, stated in a letter that were "tons and tons of cocoanut fibre on the shore and at the works" the pit. A party told me in Chester in 1916, that he tramped over bushels of it at the pit mouth. That does not sound much like the remains of a ship's cable or hawser.

Received a letter from Mr. Hedden yesterday. He sails the 11th and plans on returning about the 15th of December. He mentioned air pictures and said you will have them to show me. He is certainly all "het up" over that map. I sincerely hope that his theories may prove correct.

Shall be very much interested in learning more of the Anderson pamphlet. Am at a loss to understand how any person in that part of Nova Scotia happened to write an article on Oak Island in 1912.

Yours very truly,

