



H. CHARLESTON & CO

MANUFACTURERS OF LADIES' & GENTS' WHALEBONE
HAIR BRUSHES.

Scott Street.

Blenheim.

20th April 1947

Dear Adam,

With reference to your enquiry regarding the gold claim this lies in the Kawarau river. Dad was working a dredge there & the Directors were working a slinker re the gold. Apparently they had or were putting one over the dad & he also objected to the dirty way they were putting it across the public with the shares.

At this time he broke a false bottom & a white pipe clay came up. In his own words you could see the gold in the clay in the buckets & he picked a nugget worth 3/- then off of the lip of a bucket as it passed. He was stubborn as you know & rather than see the Directors carry on as they did he immediately worked the dredge off of the gold. The company finally went bankrupt & he said he would damn well lose with them rather than continue under such conditions.

This is the very plan he marked with me sitting in the Kitchen in Howard St. & I treasure it for its memories. Please look at it & return it immediately.

The gold lay 10 yds below the old coal pit under the wash.
Dad said - If ever you get the money, put a dredge on it.

Send me some figures 1 to 10 ^{small & large} I am struggling away valiantly trying to make them. I moulded the others in plaster. I will send them all back when finished with.

Turn over

Please do not shout this plan
to anybody. I think we should keep it a strict
secret. Dad did not want it known
beyond us.

We break up for term holidays May 9th &
would come up with you then if you are not going
before.

Regards.

Bert

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Old Coal Pit

Kewarau River

811-0
Cornis

10266
Cornish Point

23310

PROBABLE

APPROX. POSITION
OF PRESENT SHAFT

APPROX. 1/2
LINE OF PRESEN
LINE OF LEAD

1483.9

Cairnmuir Hill

TOP BOUNDARY OF
HARTLEY & RILEY CLAIM.

POINT WHERE JUNCTION
ELECTRIC ATTEMPTED TO
DREDGE INTO BANK.

Cromwell Rly. Strn.

OTAGO CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOCALITY PLAN OF THE CORNISH POINT GOLD MINING CO. LTD'S CLAIM

Q. 23024.