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September 5, 1965

Mr. Harry Delap,  
Granville Ferry,  
Annapolis Co., N.S.

Dear Mr. Delap:

Thank you for letting me see the Autobiographical Narrative of the late Captain W. Reed Farnsworth of Granville Ferry, the account of Laurence Delap, and the list of Granville Ferry people in 1879; all of which I return herewith.

The Farnsworth narrative is highly interesting, and it is unfortunate that it ends in mid-air, so to speak. One would like to know what happened to the mine, and what became of the Captain and his family. The narrative shows once again what I have remarked before, that Wallace's "Wooden Ships and Iron Men" tells only part of the history of sail in the Maritimes. He mentions Farnsworth only once (without even giving his full name or initials) and that is in connection with a record voyage of the "J.V. Troop". Yet Reed Farnsworth obviously was one of the most remarkable seamen turned out by the Maritime Provinces.

I fear the narrative is too short, and incomplete, to interest a publisher. Yet it is a valuable document and I hope you will see that it goes to the Archives in Halifax. Some day a new historian of the Bluenose ships and skippers will appear, searching out and filling in the gaps left by Wallace, including the story of Captain W. Reed Farnsworth.

With my deep appreciation,

