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Hill to D. Willis James

"I send you by American Express today a small can containing tin ore and a sample of fire clay which was taken out of the gulch on Ten Mile Creek near the summit - say within a mile & a half of the summit - at Red Mountain. The parties claim that in placer mining for gold they have washed this tin out, and some days they get 800 or 1,000 pounds. They also claim that as the wash comes from towards the top of the mountain, the ore should be found in places farther up the gulch.. I will send you tomorrow or next day an assay  some samples of ore bearing silver, copper and lead in large quant-

ities from Sweet Grass Hills. These Hills, as you may remember, are in sight from the track west from Fort Assiniboine. If the vein is as large as reported, its value will be very great."

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