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 $(\frac{\partial a}{\partial v})_T$

$\frac{\partial a}{\partial v}$ is the slope of diagram with v on the horizontal axis and a on the vertical axis). For an isotherm the temperature T is constant therefore the T at the lower right of the brackets. Don't forget this. From $da = -sdT - Pdv$ it follows that $(\frac{\partial a}{\partial v})_T = -P$. So the slope is - P. This is a decreasing line.