

## MACCAN.

Volatile Matter.....	37.00
Fixed Carbon.....	59.18
Ash.....	3.82

## STYLES.

	<i>Fast coking.</i>	<i>Slow coking.</i>
Moisture.....	4.05	4.05
Volatile Combustible Matter	33.72	38.18
Fixed Carbon.....	55.83	51.37
Ash.....	6.40	6.40

The Dominion Government have made arrangements for surveying a line of railway from Maccan to Barnes' Creek, on the river Herbert, and thence to the Joggins, a total distance of about nine miles. This line of road would prove a valuable feeder to the Intercolonial Railway, and an important outlet to the whole Cumberland coal district. It passes across and skirts the productive belt nearly the whole way. By it, in winter, the Joggins, Minudie and other mines would find an outlet to New Brunswick and the Upper Provinces. In summer, the Maccan, and Springhill, and other mines, would find by this road an outlet to a shipping port much nearer than Dorehester and Parrsboro', and open for a longer portion of the year.

The Joggins coal, I presume almost unknown in Halifax, is when carefully prepared a good steam coal. During this year the company have contracted to supply coal for a line of steamers calling at St. John. I am not in possession of any data as to its qualifications for gas and coke making.

The coal from the Scotia and Chignecto seams has found a ready market as a good lasting house coal, and its adaptability for that important use, iron making and working, is shown by the selection of the Chignecto property by the Steel Company of Canada as a fuel supply. The coal from the Styles seam is also well adapted for domestic use, while from trials made on the Intercolonial Railway, it would appear to be a good steam coal. From its action while burning it should also possess good