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mineral resources of the Colony, I would suggest that a small preliminary expense should be incurred in making a general survey of the coal-field, with the idea of guiding the proper opening up of the ground for mining purposes.

The chromic iron ore is undoubtedly a valuable mineral. If the deposit from which the specimen now sent is easily accessible, of sufficient magnitude, and capable of being successfully worked, it would probably be a more valuable enterprise than the working of any of the hematite and brown iron ores, of which specimens were received early in the present year.

I have meanwhile retained here the various collections of specimens for reference.

I am, &c.

ARCH. GEIKIE,
Director-General.

No. 13.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Sir H. MURRAY.

SIR,

Downing Street, June 23, 1896.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches* regarding the mineral resources of Newfoundland.

Your despatches, and the mineral specimens which you have from time to time sent to me, were forwarded to the Director-General of Geological Surveys in this country, and I now enclose, for the information of your Ministers, copy of the replies† received from Sir Archibald Geikie.

I propose to have all the correspondence on this subject printed and to send copies to the Imperial Institute, to the different Chambers of Commerce, and to the Press, in order that these discoveries, of which I have learnt with great satisfaction, and which I trust will materially increase the prosperity of the Island, may become generally known to the public and may in particular be brought to the notice of business men.

A copy of the printed correspondence will also be sent to the Admiralty, and the attention of the Lords Commissioners will be invited to the remarks contained in your despatch‡ of the 3rd of January, respecting the possible use of Newfoundland coal by the Royal Navy.

I have, &c.

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

* Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9.

† Nos. 6, 10, and 12.

‡ No. 4.