

They own a very large property in the neighbourhood of New Glasgow. They are about to make three miles of Railway, to connect their shafts with the Railway now being constructed from Truro to Pictou. The quantity of Coal appears to be inexhaustible, and there seems to be no reason why this Coal, which is of excellent quality for steam purposes, should not be delivered in Montreal for five dollars a ton. I was so satisfied with the excellent quality of this Coal, from the reports I heard of it, that I ordered several cargoes to be sent to Montreal for the use of the Grand Trunk Company, so as to have it thoroughly tested for our purposes. There can be no doubt that the Coal which exists in Nova Scotia, in the neighbourhood of Pictou, and also at Cape Breton, where large mining operations are going on, will prove, when proper means of communication are supplied, to be of great importance in the future history of the Confederacy.

I hope the information contained in this paper may prove of some use in calling attention to the existence of a large trade close to our doors, and amongst our own people, and which by proper attention may be made of very great value to all the Provinces. It is with this object I have ventured to address you, and which must be my apology for troubling you with this letter.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

C. J. BRYDGES.

Montreal, 23rd June, 1866.