

there is but one habitation. Between Harrison's and Porter's Mill on the Herbert river in an air line about nine miles, and between Harrison's and Shulee River harbor, about eight miles, there is not a single house or cabin. This part of the country is a complete wilderness, in which extensive barrens are numerous.

The highest land in this part of Cumberland County is about six miles due west of William Harrison's on Half-way river. From an extensive swamp, which occupies an elevated table land, the following rivers take their rise: Half-way River and Fox River, flowing into the Basin of Minas; Mill Creek, flowing into the Herbert River; East Branch of Apple River, Sand River and Shulee River, flowing into Chignecto Channel. Mill Creek traverses a vast and gently undulating plain, resembling in many particulars the level country through which East Brook, rising near Spring Hill, takes its course.

It appears probable that workable Coal seams will be found near the Sand River road; these supposed seams being the continuations of seams known to exist at Spicer Cove and on the East Branch of Apple River. North of the upper portion of Mill Creek, and along the crown of the subordinate anticlinal workable seams may be sufficiently near the surface to admit of economical exploration. The outlet for these coals on the anticlinal would be Shulee harbor; while those in the valley of Mill Creek could be conveyed by tramway to Half-way River, thence by the proposed railway from Spring Hill to Parrsboro' to the last-named place for shipment.

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