

The day is coming when, instead of sending coke to England for smelting purposes, Cape Breton will find its best market at home in its own harbours.

With all these advantages it would take but a little effort and capital to raise Louisbourg again from its ashes. Who will do it? Will the French of Quebec have to rear it again as a monument sacred to the memory of their ancestors? Any company can profitably do what the French King accomplished at a vast expense of treasure. Much more can any nationality transform it. The owners of Louisbourg could accomplish much by giving this land in exchange for stock in any company organized for such a purpose. The writer of these lines has such a scheme under consideration, and it only requires advertising to make it an actual fact, and a grand success. American, English, and French capitalists may yet join hands in rearing a paying monument over the graves of their ancestors.

FISHERIES.

Louisbourg juts out into close proximity to *the best fishing grounds in the world*. The French were not slow to take advantage of this. They exported fish from this harbour to the amount of seven million dollars annually. In 1886 the catch of fish on the Atlantic seaboard of the counties of Richmond and Cape Breton to either side of Louisbourg amounted to \$700,000. Now this is capable of indefinite increase. It is said that 800 tons of fresh fish, cod, haddock, halibut, mackerel, herring, &c, could very easily be landed at Louisbourg daily. The demand for the quick transportation of fresh fish and the growing desire to ship fish by rail to the United States will afford an income of considerable moment to the proposed road.

A fish producing district is a food consuming one and largely revenue raising, and it were the best of political economy to study its interests. Now it sometimes happens in the fall of the year that fish is low, and as on the southern shore of Cape