5. *Shipping facilities.*—The coal from the Campbell Area could be shipped either from the harbour of the Little Glace Bay Company, or from the loading ground of the International Company at Sydney. If shipped from the former, a tramway of about half a mile in length would have to be constructed; but the harbour of the Little Glace Bay Company will not at present admit vessels of more than seventeen feet draught. The Company, however, are proposing to deepen it. Vessels of the largest tonnage are able, on the other hand, to load from the wharf of the International Mining Company at Sydney. To connect with the railway of this Company, a road of about two miles, or rather less, would have to be constructed from the Campbell Area. The Company, I am informed, undertake to carry coal and deliver on board vessels at their wharf in Sydney harbour, at a cost of 35 cents per ton.

6. *General conclusions.*—The preceding statements are sufficient in themselves to show that the coal property now under review is one of no ordinary value. The occurrence of the six feet Harbour seam beneath the entire area of the location, at easily accessible depths, does not admit of the slightest doubt; and it is equally certain that this valuable seam of coal is underlaid by others of corresponding value. The coal from the Harbour seam is of excellent quality for domestic use and for the manufacture of illuminating gas, as well as for metallurgical operations in which a long flame is more especially required. There can be no doubt that a ready market would be obtained both in Montreal and in British ports for all that could be raised. From careful inquiries and observation, I find that coal can be raised and shipped from the Cape Breton Mines at an average cost not exceeding a dollar and a-half per ton. The shipping price until recently was about two and a-half dollars per ton, but it now averages three or even three and a-quarter dollars, and there is an evident tendency throughout the district to an increased rise in price. I have no hesitation, therefore, in expressing my con-