HMBRACING the opportunity offered by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, in the letter from which is taken the extract that heads the following Reply to the Report of the Commission on Fires in Pictou Mines, submitted at the close of the last session of Parliament, but not then considered, further statements and corrections in relation thereto are now respectfully submitted to the Committee of the Legislature, at this the earliest opportunity since the issue of the Report and the reassembling of Parliament.

STELLARTON, January, 1897.

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