

present cable, so as also to have a double line across the Straits of Northumberland. As soon as the Atlantic cable is in working order I strongly advise another cable to be laid from Placentia, Newfoundland, to Sydney, Cape Breton, and the erection of an additional wire upon our present poles, and also that new land lines be constructed from Heart's Content to Placentia, and from Sydney to Port Hood; this being completed, there would be three cables across the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and three independent telegraph lines all the way from the terminus of the Atlantic cable at Heart's Content, to the end of the Newfoundland Company's lines. I hope that no message to or from the Atlantic cable will ever be delayed one hour on the lines of the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company. You will observe by the annexed extracts from letters of Mr. A. M. Mackay (marked K), our Superintendent, that he has no doubt the present cable across the Gulf of St. Lawrence can be repaired.

The New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company hold the exclusive right for 50 years, from 1854, of landing submarine cables on the shores of Labrador, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island, and for 25 years on the coast of the State of Maine, the right to build lines in Canada, and an exclusive connection with the American Telegraph Company owning or leasing all the lines in Nova Scotia and most of those in New Brunswick. These exclusive privileges, extending over more than 2,000 miles of sea coast, must ultimately prove of great value to our Company, for I believe that within a few years there will be many submarine cables working between Ireland and Newfoundland, and that they will all have as much business as they can do. I am sure, that when you consider for a moment the hundreds of millions of persons in Europe, Asia and Africa who will be brought into communication with America by the Atlantic cable, you will agree with me that it is almost impossible to estimate the future value of our property. The intercourse between the eastern and western hemispheres is increasing in an enormous ratio. It is less than thirty years since the first regular steam-packet crossed the Atlantic, and now there is an average of nearly two steamers daily each way (Sundays excepted), as will be seen from the annexed statement. (marked L.)

Professor M. C. Vincent, of the Royal Geological Society, London, visited Newfoundland last year at the request of some gentlemen in this city, and I have obtained a copy of his report to them on our lead mine at La Manche, and annexed you have the same. (marked M.)