

and extent of the property, and the quality of the seams which it is proposed to work.

The value of the Oil Shales on it, is referred to by Professor How, Mineralogist to the Provincial Government, in his recent report on the Mineralogy of Nova Scotia, pp. 26-34: "Large deposits of shale are met with in the East River district of Pictou County, affording a product of oil larger than is found remunerative in Scotland. Last year I observed an advertisement in a Glasgow paper, referring to a shale yielding about 30 gallons of oil to the ton, for which offers were invited. Some shale which I examined from East River, gave about 35 gallons of crude oil to the ton." "When oil was made at the Fraser Mines in 1859, the practical result was about 60 gallons crude. A seam of oil coal similar to that just described, was worked for two years about 3 miles to the east of the Albion Mines." "At some future day, therefore, great results may be expected from working this valuable mineral."

The nature and extent of these bituminous shales, would alone be sufficient to give the property a high value independently of the amount of coal which it contains, and its peculiar facilities for being cheaply and economically worked.