

Edmonton and British Columbia. My informant, Mr. Shaw of the Engineer Corps, made personal examination of one of these lower Souris beds lying near the level of the river, and cut through twelve feet of it before reaching the bottom. The coal lay between indurated clay strata resembling not very remotely the shales of the true coal measures. The Edmonton coal, which this so closely resembles, has been pronounced by practical experimenters well suited to all domestic and manufacturing purposes. It is not unreasonable to suppose that the Souris mines will be promptly developed, when the railway shall have opened a path to them, and that the coal, being distributed over the network of Canadian Pacific lines, will form a contribution of incalculable value to the treeless regions of the Northwestern plains.

