

exceptional circumstances in favour of Newfoundland to enable the Colony to compete successfully with other regions.

The various documents that accompanied your letter are returned herewith.

NEWFOUND-
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MINERAL
RESOURCES.

I am, &c.

ARCH. GEIKIE,
Director-General.

No. 11.

COLONIAL OFFICE to the GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

SIR,

Downing Street, May 29, 1896.

WITH reference to your letter of the 3rd March,* respecting the mineral resources of Newfoundland, for which I am to express to you Mr. Chamberlain's thanks, I am directed to forward to you a box containing specimens of coal that has been received from the Governor, together with a specimen of iron ore, the nature of which is described in the despatch† of which a copy is enclosed.

2. Mr. Chamberlain will be much obliged if you will be so kind as to favour him with any remarks that may occur to you in reference to these specimens.

I am, &c.

JOHN BRAMSTON

No. 12.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(Received June 5, 1896.)

28, Jermyn Street, London, S.W.,

June 4, 1896.

SIR,

I HAVE received your letter of 29th ultimo‡ with the specimens of coal and chromic iron ore therein referred to. As stated in my letter of 3rd March, the coal seams of Newfoundland are known to exist in various places, their qualities have been analysed, and judging from the specimens now sent and from these published analyses, I have no doubt that the coal, if worked, would be a valuable source of revenue to the Colony. I have already pointed out that the extent and structure of the coal-field do not appear to have been, as yet, adequately ascertained. Possibly Mr. Howley may be in possession of this knowledge. But if not, I presume it does not exist and, in that case, if it is proposed to expend any money for the development of the

* No. 10.

† No. 9.

‡ No. 11.