

with Mr. Whitney all the mines in Nova Scotia outside of the County of Cape Breton. At Springhill, Cumberland Co., there is one of the most valuable mines in the country, free to compete with Mr. Whitney. There are also valuable coal fields in Pictou County, equally free to compete. There are also the valuable coal mines at the Joggins, in Cumberland County, which promise to be even more vigorously conducted than before, owing to the investment of new capital, and which will be free from the control of Mr. Whitney and his associates. I have mentioned the working collieries but it is well known that there are large areas of coal undeveloped, and which are not and cannot be embraced in the lease to Mr. Whitney. Broad Cove, in the County of Inverness, has one of the finest coal fields in the country. Mabou and Port Hood have also coal fields known to be valuable, and none of these coal fields are touched by the lease to Mr. Whitney. So also in Victoria County there are coal deposits of value which are not touched by this lease, and at Carribou Cove, in Richmond County, there are coal deposits which are not embraced in the terms of this lease. There are also, I have no doubt, many seams of coal yet undiscovered in Nova Scotia, which of course are not covered by this lease to Mr. Whitney. When I point out these facts, surely it will be seen that there is no shadow of justification for the cry that we have proposed to give all the mines of Nova Scotia to Mr. Whitney.

A LARGE GUARANTEE OF ROYALTY.

Well, we put another check upon Mr. Whitney's operations, one in which he gave us a substantial guarantee of his good faith. We proposed that whenever his company should have obtained possession of properties out of which there were taken, in the year 1891, 250,000 tons or more of coal, we would impose an additional check upon its operations. I believe that Mr. Whitney has already obtained control of several properties to make the clause I refer to operative at once—the mines he controls produced more than 250,000 tons in 1891. It was said that there was danger of closing up the mines. We anticipated that point, and in order to take every precaution against such a thing we imposed a check upon Mr. Whitney and his associates which is not imposed upon any other mining company in Nova Scotia. We said to him that whenever he obtained control of a number of areas to the extent I have just described, he and his associates should be obliged to pay the Government of Nova Scotia every year a royalty on an output not less than