

COMPARATIVE

Shewing the Advantages of the Southern Cape

	SOUTHERN ROUTE. (TO SYDNEY.)
1. Length of Trunk Line.....	80 Miles.
" " " ".....	82 Miles to Louisburg.
2. (a) Conformation of country through which eastern 50 miles of railroad passes....	Level valley surrounded by undulating country.
(b) Area of country through which eastern, &c.....	1,400 Square Miles.
3. Accessibility of road.....	Easy all the year round.
4. Engineering difficulties.....	None.
5. Present mode of transportation along line..	Vehicles, and small schoon- ers on the Atlantic.
6. (a) Number of Collieries approached and benefited by Trunk Line.....	11.
(b) Output of Coal in these respectively....	426,204 tons.
(c) Number of Men employed.....	1,400.
7. Valuation of Fishery Productions, 1885 within ten miles of road.....	\$695,727.
Number of Men employed.....	3,596 (on the Atlantic coast of Richmond and Cape Breton Co.

By extending the southern route to North Sydney 5 miles of Railway are saved, a ferry avoided and 50,000 of the population accommodated. The Southern route is a direct line to the center of the Coal Basin of Cape Breton, containing over 2,000,000,000 tons available Coal. It will permit of its exportation to Montreal with profit at rates now charged on the Intercolonial. The Ferry on the Central route along with that on the Strait of Canso will not permit of this.