

Province of Nova Scotia produced more than double what it formerly did, it is a remarkable fact that in the former year, 1878, we were able to supply 45 per cent. of the coal consumed in the Dominion, and now, with the coal duty, we only supply 36 per cent. of the quantity used in the Dominion. While there has been a large and gratifying increase in our output, the fact is apparent that it has not kept pace with the general consumption of coal in the Dominion, and that as years roll on we are not supplying a larger proportion, but actually a smaller percentage than we did before the National Policy was adopted.

NEW CAPITAL WANTED.

But, putting these questions aside, we are led to the conclusion that if we can find any reasonable method of enlarging our operations we should stretch out our hands and endeavor to grasp it. That has been the view of the Government. We have felt that capital was needed in order to enlarge operations. I have been accustomed to hear our leading public men declare that we had an abundance of resources in this Province, and that we only needed capital and skill for their development. That has been the cry for generations. But now, when we endeavor to bring in that capital and skill, and are about to succeed, doubts are for the first time expressed. If I have to admit that these doubts are well founded I shall begin to question whether we have not been all along on the wrong track. It seems that there are some people among us who do not want capital and skill to be brought in for the development of our resources. But, while that opinion is expressed in some quarters, I do not believe that it represents the opinion of the people generally. I believe, and I think the people will agree with me, that we do want capital and skill brought in. I have faith in the resources of this country. I believe the people will support any government or party that brings in capital and skill for the development of our mines, and I believe too that the people will not be particular whether that capital and skill comes from Great Britain or from any other part of the world.

WHY AMERICAN CAPITAL IS DESIRABLE.

If we had to make a choice as to the source from which this capital should come, I do not hesitate to say that my choice would be that, for this particular business, it should come from the United States. If we have capital at home it is well to use it, but if our