

Owing to the want of demand for coal and to the heavy surface cover accompanied by the almost vertical position of the seams, little progress has been made in tracing the seams inland towards Hawkesbury. It is probable that they are sharply folded at no great distance from the shore, and their nearest outcrop at Little River represents their re-appearance on a parallel folding.

At Little River the measures are steeply inclined and present the following section ascertained by the Eastern Development Company some years ago:—

	Feet.	Inches.
Coal	3	0
Strata	154	0
Coal	4	0
Strata	60	0
Coal	3	0
Strata	45	0
Coal	5	0

The upper beds were opened and a few hundred tons extracted. The coal is compact and apparently of good quality. The upper part of the section appears to agree with that of Sea Coal Bay.

The following analysis given by Sir William Dawson in a report made by him many years ago, will show that the large percentage of ash forms the principal drawback to the fuel:—

Volatile Matter	30.25
Fixed Carbon	56.40
Ash	13.35
	100.00

I am informed that the workings of the Eastern Development Company a few years ago showed a decided improvement in the quality of the coal away from the outcrop. Attempts made to follow these seams have not proved successful, probably because they are here as at Sea Coal Bay folded in sharp curves, and the surface is level and deeply covered with detritus. The construction of a railway from Hawkesbury to St. Peter's and Louisburg, recently subsidised by the Provincial Government, across this

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