

elevators on the coast during the fall months for distribution in winter, and of cheap delivery of export freight to Maritime Province harbours is manifestly important.

The harbours of Sydney, Halifax, and St. John are the front doors of Canada. While 2,200 miles nearer to Liverpool than is New Orleans, Sydney is at the same time 600 miles nearer to Rio Janeiro and Buenos Ayres, and nearly 900 miles nearer to Cape Town.

Thirteen harbours in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are open the year round, viz.:—St. John and St. Andrew in New Brunswick, and Halifax, Louisburg, Yarmouth, Annapolis, Barrington, Liverpool, Lockport, Lunenburg, Parrsboro and Shelburne in Nova Scotia.

COAL RESOURCES OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The coal lands now under lease cover an area of 1,015 square miles, of which 147 square miles are reported as being operated. A well-informed authority estimates the coal in the various known areas as follows:—

	Tons	Workable
Cape Breton and Victoria.	2,867,200,000	60%
Inverness	3,897,600,000	50%
Richmond	216,400,000	40%
Pictou	2,366,000,000	50%
Cumberland	346,000,000	10%
Total	12,392,600,000	

The workable deposits are estimated at 6,461,480,000 tons. This may be largely increased by further discoveries. Practically no new coal beds have been located since Confederation. The extent of the sub-marine field is unknown, but the reappearance of the coal measures at Cape Dauphin, 85 miles away, may indicate that the Sydney coal field is only a lip of the saucer, only a fragment of the circumference of a vast sub-marine coal deposit that may for all practical purposes extend indefinitely.

The present output could be readily increased at the rate of 2,000,000 tons additional per year for a number of years to come. So that there exist in Nova Scotia both ample supplies of coal, and the ability to meet demands as they arise, and Nova Scotia can easily supply the demands of Eastern Canada for bituminous coal for centuries to come.

COST OF PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION.

In 1909 over 1,800,000 tons of American soft coal was carried to Fort William and Port Arthur