

It may be well to state in this connection, that arrangements are in progress for the construction of the Sydney and Louisburg railway. In the event of the construction of this railway it will pass either over or near your coal area.

Respectfully yours,

A. C. MORTON.

The following letter of Mr. A. McBean, a Contractor, who has had long previous experience in similar matters, places the question beyond doubt :

SYDNEY, Cape Breton, 5th Jan, 1865.

MARSHALL BOURINOT, Esq.,

Sydney.

Sir :—

According to request I have examined the plan of proposed Harbor at False Bay Beach; if correct, as I have no doubt it is, to make the wharfs and deepen channel as per plan.

The Wharfing I would recommend, however, in the first place, to be well and substantially close Piled; at the outer or seaward end to sink good and sufficient blocks, well ballasted, as a perpetual protection to said Wharfing. For the whole amount, say Piling, Blocking and Ballasting, as also deepening channel according to plan, the subscriber will agree to do the same for the sum of fifteen thousand one hundred and sixty dollars, (\$15,160.)

I may here add, that should the writer be otherwise employed on the coast near said harbour, would and could afford to do your work at a less sum, but if not, it is as low as it could possibly be done for without other work.

Should this meet your views, will be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Meantime, remain,

Your obed't serv't,

A. McBEAN.

Samples of Coal from an opening made on the McAulay Bed, upon these claims, were sent to the Manhattan and New York Gas Light Companies and tested by them.

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