

The seam proposed to be worked, as proved in the West side of the River by the workings of Messrs. Seaman, is three feet nine inches in thickness, with a parting of six inches in the centre. The lower bench being two feet, and the upper, one foot nine inches in thickness; the coal is very superior, clear, firm, and free from sulphur, and for steam purposes is represented by the proprietors as much superior to the Joggins coal.

Mr. Hall, Mining Engineer and Manager of the Spring Hill Mines, writing of the same seam near the Maccan, says:—

SPRING HILL, Jan. 6, 1876.

DEAR SIR:—

I have much pleasure in stating to you what I know about the Seam of Coal near Maccan prospected by Whitfield McCarty. Being at Maccan, I went to the pit sunk by McCarty, and going down I saw two seams of coal together about three feet in thickness with a parting between them of about a foot. The coal was of good quality to be so near the surface, and I think it will make pretty working. If, as you said you proposed, you can get a level into the seam, the ground rising from the river, you could avoid machinery, and open with a small expenditure of capital, and work it economically. Should the coal prove good, as I think it promises, I think it will be profitable.

W. HALL.

To C. Milner Esq.

This seam (entirely without reference to the Hard-scrabble Seam, which probably will be equally as productive) will yield 350,000 tons of coal without sinking below the level of the marsh on the River Hebert, as the land between the two rivers rises sufficiently high to enable that quantity to be mined, by driving in an adit from the level of the marsh, and thus work without the intervention of machinery, either to keep the mine dry or to raise the coal.

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