

perty, amongst the latter being a voluntary report; as a matter of fact I have never met the gentlemen who kindly proffered the information. His name is T. J. Phillips, Civil and Mining Engineer of Scottdale, Pa.

Extracts from his letters are as follows:—

April 15th, 1913

"I had the pleasure of looking over your proposition
"at Midway today and made a thorough examination
"of the vein of coal you are prospecting at the present
"time. I have been making examinations of the dif-
"ferent coal fields of British Columbia and I have
"heard in the few days of my travel through that
"section that your property will be a failure, but I will
"endeavour to try to explain in a few words that in
"my estimation you have one of the finest coal fields
"of a fine quality that will improve as you develope
"the property, but I am sorry to say that the proper-
"ty is not developed in the proper way and to any
"advantage. Pardon me for saying so but I know
"how I would like to know myself if I was interested
"in a proposition. I will venture to say that inside
"of a year, with a fair capital the mine ought to have
"an output of at least 1,000 tons per day. The loca-
"tion of the property is so suitable for a very large
"output. I am only too glad to give you this little
"information but I shall beg of you to keep it strictly
"confidential. Should you desire any further informa-
"tion I shall be glad to furnish you with the same."

In reply I thanked Mr. Phillips for his generous criticisms and asked what course he would advise. Extracts from his reply read as follows:—

Wilkerson, Washington,
May 12th, 1913

"Your letter addressed to Vancouver received. I have
"been going over the British Columbia and Washing-
"ton coal fields. You ask for more advice as regards
"the development of your property. As stated in my
"recent letter to you that your property is one of the
"best propositions I have examined in British Colum-
"bia and Washington.