

into port, thus saving pilotage and towing charges. These charges will alone more than compensate owners of sailing vessels for the extra run; in fact they ought to carry freight for less per ton from Yakoun Bay, Rennel's Sound, to San Francisco, than from any other port in British Columbia or Puget Sound.

CONCLUSION.

With the knowledge I have of the coal regions of Pennsylvania, acquired there as a Mining Engineer, and on the geological staff of that State, it must gratify you to know that in my judgment you have the best coal field I have seen. Until I visited it I had no conception such a valuable field existed on the Pacific Coast. You possess a number of beds of unusual thickness, containing coals of superior quality, suitable for all requirements. You have anthracite, first-class steam, gas and coking coals, and a bed over 15 feet thick, excellent for domestic purposes. Your property has been judiciously acquired. It follows the strike of the measures north and south for over 11 miles. I have no doubt the beds will be found at or near the surface, from its south to north limits, and I will add, although I have before mentioned it in this report, practically undisturbed.

Yours, etc.,

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