

when it is noted that these gentlemen are unknown to each other for the most part, and could not by any possibility have exchanged ideas on the subject.

The next phase in which to view this discovery, providing that the foregoing reports are reliable, and that the existence of the article is not a myth, is in the position it assumes as a *product of Canada*.

We have in years past been exchanging that representative of wealth—*money*—with our American cousins for anthracite coal. The exact amount that has been paid over yearly, for this one article, cannot at this moment be stated, but an estimate that reaches among the upper hundreds of thousands, towards the millions, cannot be an exaggerated one. Think then, for a moment, of the vast amount of money that will be kept in the country by our possessing a supply, within our own confines, of that which heretofore has been supposed to be a monopoly to Pennsylvania and the adjacent states.

In her present position New Brunswick has but few articles of export. There are but few commodities that we can exchange for the wealth of other countries. The discovery of anthracite coal has given us another article of barter, and we are in proportion so much the wealthier as to the size of the deposit. Judging from the breadth of the seam at the distance that the shaft has been sunk, its probable breadth when the coal basin is reached, and also the fact that its upturned edge can be distinguished at intervals for more than a mile along the shore, there is sufficient data on which to base a calculation which will give eight to ten millions of tons in a circumscribed area, without taking into consideration the probability of its extending some six to seven miles back to where the granitic formation commences.

With these facts prominently in view it becomes—one might almost say—the duty of every well meaning citizen of sufficient means to lend his aid in a substantial manner to the developing of this—it might be called—national resource of wealth. In so doing he not only assists to the increasing of the importance and standing of the community, but he also benefits himself in a material manner.

It is understood that the proprietors are now about placing the properties in the hands of competent and well known men who will