

a most satisfactory increase under the provisions of the new tariff. All the mines in the Province are now pressed to fill orders, and the demand for coal is largely on the increase. It is probable that large iron and copper smelting works will be opened in the Province at an early date, and this will create a large additional demand.

The coal is now working its way into the Province of Ontario, and the prospects of the coal mines of Nova Scotia were never so bright as at present.

The Spring Hill mines produced in 1887 466,223 tons, and were pressed to meet their orders. The Styles areas are as advantageously situated for shipment as the Spring Hill mines, and a ready market at remunerative prices, is assured for all the coal that may be mined

The following table taken from the report of the Inspector of Mines, Nova Scotia, shows the coal sales from 1879 to 1887 inclusive :

1879.....	688,628
1880.....	954,659
1881.....	1,035,014
1882.....	1,250,179
1883.....	1,297,523
1884.....	1,261,650
1885.....	1,254,510
1886.....	1,373,666
1887.....	1,519,684