

Southerly of this lies the Mira district; here there are a few known outcrops of small seams, but little tested except at some natural exposures. The country is swampy with numerous lakes and moss grown, and the natural exposures are principally of the harder ridges of sandstone or grit. In the Salmon River district there are three well marked seams of coal from 12 to 36 inches in thickness, lying in the valley between the East Bay and Mira felsites, etc.

The work showed the existence of a long narrow trough holding the outcrops of several seams under two feet in thickness.

The first of these on the Gaspereau River road is stated to be eighteen inches thick, to burn well and to yield little ash. A second outcrop similar in character occurs between the Glengarry and Ardoise roads on the shore of a small lake. The third and most important exposure is on the Salmon River, two miles south of the Morrison road, where two eighteen inch seams are met divided by a band of fire-clay. The coal burns readily, but from the following analysis contains an unprofitable amount of ash:—

Moisture	1.53
Volatile Combustible Matter.....	20.16
Fixed Carbon.....	47.49
Ash.....	30.82

It was stated some time ago that explorations had shown larger and more promising outcrops in this district. The prospectors have taken out a number of leases and as they are willing to pay the annual rental on them it must be presumed that they are satisfied with their prospects.

In the district lying to the westward of the General Mining Association's lease at Sydney Mines, and extending from Sydney Harbor to the Big Bras d'Or, there are a number of outcrops of seams. Local authorities, as already stated, claim to have identified them with the lower seams on the Victoria Mines shore of the harbor, and that they are in some instances increased in size.

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