

	Via Cape North.	Gut Canso.	Canal.
From Parsborough to Montreal, .....	1310	1220	790
“ Hillsborough “ .....	1315	1235	760
“ Joggins Coal Mine to Montreal, .....	1210	1240	750
“ St. George Newfoundland to St. John, .....	620	630	394
“ “ “ “ Boston, .....	712	720	664
“ Fortune Bay “ “ St. John, .....	669	768	500

The Spring Hill, Joggins, and the Albertine Coal Beds belong to the Bay of Fundy, also, the Windsor and Hillsborough deposits of Gypsum, these with the Steel Works at Londonderry, Colchester, on the Minas Basin, are waiting for the Western markets, by the opening of the Baie Verte Canal.

The Albert Mining Company, this year, paid  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on its capital of \$250,000. Considering the state of Mining Companies at the present time, the great value of its productions will be understood.

The Spring Hill Coal Company can ship either at the mouth of the Canal, distant by the Intercolonial Railway 25 miles, or by the Parsborough Railway at Minas Basin.

The Joggins Coal Beds are in Cumberland Bay, within 25 miles of the mouth of the Canal.

The coal fields of the Bay of Fundy are inexhaustible, and for steam purposes are unsurpassed.

#### WILL THE PICTOU COAL FOLLOW THE CANAL ?

One Pictou witness says, “only a very small portion of the coal trade will pass through the Canal, in consequence of ice which forms in the Fall and holds on in the Spring, at these seasons the passage would be taken by the Straits of Canso.”

If this statement is correct, it shows that for the greater portion of the season of navigation the Canal would be followed, and the Canso route only taken at the opening and close of navigation.

That the Canal will secure the Fall trade of the Gulf there is but little doubt, as the navigation of the Gut at that season is extremely dangerous, which is fully established by the table of Insurance rates, to which attention will be called.

#### THE BAY OF FUNDY RICH IN OTHER MINERAL WEALTH.

A late issue of the *Halifax Chronicle* says, “the most important enterprise now being carried on in Nova Scotia, and perhaps the most important in the Dominion, is that of the Steel Company of Canada, at Londonderry, Colchester County.