

Lancashire coals, &

which is 1.45, so that ...

with these from abroad, some of

purposes. The sulphur perhaps appears larger in amount

Sydney Coal than it really is, because in some parts very thin scales of pyrites are spread out over surfaces so as to strike the eye, whereas in many coals the pyrites is mainly in streaks and bands, of notable thickness occasionally, but often so thin as to pass with little observation, or so diffused through the coal as scarcely to be noticed.

The economic weight or space occupied on stowage is good.

The ash has about the average composition of that of bituminous coals.

I conclude that the Sydney Coal fully merits the very high esteem in which it has been so long held for domestic use; I am inclined to think its sulphur has been over-rated by repute, and I hope I have made it appear that it deserves to be considered a good Steam Coal.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

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