

that will so treat the coal, when it comes to the surface, as to ensure for it a ready sale in Truro and vicinity. It will be treated as anthracite coal. A crusher will be erected and the coal broken into the sizes popular with anthracite coal buyers. The mine is situated say four miles from Truro, and therefore it will be necessary to build four miles of railway, plans for which are fully prepared. The Mining Record is told that development work in the mine has advanced so far that there are some two hundred thousand tons "in sight." Buyers were at first dissatisfied with the product, but after the coal had been freed from minerals other than coal and the buyers instructed to break the lumps before putting them in the furnace, not a single complaint has been heard. If the Truro folks can have the coal delivered in Truro around six dollars a ton they will have cheap fuel, and the operators should be able to realize a fair return on their investment.

The daily papers of ten days ago went into ecstasies over the announcement that the Dominion Coal Co. is to begin operations at Port Morien. The Herald heads the announcement in big letters as follows:—"Big Surprise Sprung in N. S. Coal Circles." There was no surprise, as the Mining Record and the C. B. papers hinted weeks ago that the Dominion Coal Co. was perfecting plans for the early re-opening of the unfortunate mine at Port Morien. The following piece of high pressure gush is from the Morning Chronicle.

"The Dominion Coal Company is to be congratulated on its ownership of this enormously rich Morien property, calculated by Mr. Macdonald to hold some \$30,000,000 in royalties for the Provincial Government and to be worth, even at pre-war figures \$600,000,000 to Canada. This "splendid property" is destined to make Morien, long famous as the birth place of our coal trade, literally one of the richest mining regions in Canada.

If the Dominion Coal Company possessed nothing more than Morien, it could still be classed as one of Canada's first mining corporations, and this great company ought to be in a position to greatly extend its usefulness by this decision to operate the property organized by Mr. Macdonald amid now happily dissipated incredulity as to the availability of under-sea coal in Nova Scotia."

The "Morien" property may be "enormously" rich, but the same property while it was a godsend to at least one individual, was the graveyard of the hopes of many who had confidently taken pecuniary interest in the property. One would infer from what is said of intended operations that the Morien was a virgin field, lately acquired by the big coal company. The fact is the Dominion Coal Co. has been virtually holders of the property for many years. The property has had a chequered career, not to use a more cutting word. The Govrie & Blockhouse held it for a time, then the Newcastle Syndicate, after this came the North Atlantic Co. and then the Boston and Morien (alias the D. C. Co.). The Dominion Coal Co. went through the form of buying it at sheriff's sale in 1917, but they really were owners since 1912. The "enormous" value of the property may be judged from the fact that it

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## Coal Shipments, March, 1920.

Output and Shipments for March, 1920  
—DOMINION COAL CO., LTD.

Output		Shipments
Dominion No. 1	30 068	
Dominion No. 2	50 891	
Dominion No. 4	31 213	
Dominion No. 5	9 625	
Dominion No. 6	22 621	
Dominion No. 9	25 126	
Dominion No. 10	11 622	
Dominion No. 11	15 480	241 551
Dominion No. 12	18 086	
Dominion No. 14	16 807	
Dominion No. 15	12 885	
Dominion No. 16	14 136	
Dominion No. 17	1 192	
Dominion No. 21	13 882	
Dominion No. 22	16 260	
Dominion No. 24	2 500	

292 484	
Shipments March 1920	241 551
Shipments " 1919	199 643
Increase " 1920	41 908
Shipments 3 mos. 1920	644 286
" 3 " 1919	620 303
Increase 3 " 1920	23 983

### SPRINGHILL.

Shipments March 1920	29 779
" " 1919	24 445
Increase " 1920	5 334
Shipments 3 mos. 1920	89 019
" 3 " 1919	70 987
Increase 3 " 1920	18 032

### —NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO.—

Shipments March 1920	47 942
" " 1919	26 838
Increase " 1920	21 104
Shipments 3 mos. 1920	145 318
" 3 " 1919	88 881
Increase 3 " 1920	56 437

### ACADIA COAL CO.

Shipments March 1920	35 234
" " 1919	22 677
Increase " 1920	12 557
Shipments 3 mos. 1920	116 232
" 3 " 1919	92 539
Increase 3 " 1920	23 693

### INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.

Shipments March 1920	8 580
" " 1919	12 216
Decrease " 1920	3 636
Shipments 3 mos. 1920	30 285
" 3 " 1919	35 833
Increase 3 " 1920	452