

Steel Corporation, which is interested in the development of our Nova Scotia mines, have written a letter stating that large quantities of coal will find their way as far west as the Great Lakes?

Mr. SIFTON: Well, sir, I am not a coal expert, but the company has taken what steps it could to get the best information obtainable on that subject, and I have in my hand a statement signed by Mr. Neate of the Dominion Fuel Board of the Department of the Interior, prepared by the Department of the Interior, which, with the permission of the Chairman, I would like to put in the record. This statement is the schedule of the amount of bituminous coal of similar quality to that which is supplied by Nova Scotia coal mines, which now finds its way to points along the route of the Georgian Bay Canal. It also shows the total cost of delivery to these various points along the canal, and the total saving or extra cost as the case may be, in putting Nova Scotia coal into the same places, to meet the existing market, when the canal is built. The actual estimated saving along the main points of the route of the canal shows that Nova Scotia coal can be put into the present market at Ottawa and Hull for \$1.01 per ton less than the existing cost of getting American coal here. I will put this statement in the record.