

occurred, whereby the coal seams proved to exist near the mouth of

Sandy Lake River in 1879,

must occupy a separate and distinct trough from those discovered on the South side of the Lake in 1891-2. What the value or extent of this more northerly trough may be can never be determined without the continued and extensive use of the boring rod. During the past season of 1895, our knowledge of the more southern trough has been greatly increased, by the discovery of two seams of coal, and indications of others at a point on the line of railway, four and a half miles to the eastward of the Kelvin Brook section,

And on the Same Line of Strike.

This discovery places beyond all reasonable doubt the fact, that the coal measures form a continuous trough, from about one mile to the west of Aldery Brook, to the point on the railway line above indicated, a total distance in a straight line of eleven miles. Certain observations made during this past season also, seem to point towards a widening of the trough in its easterly extension, but much yet remains to be accomplished before any definite conclusion can be arrived at as to what may be the full extent and importance of this promising coal field. In conclusion, I may add, that the foregoing is a plain statement of the actual facts regarding our knowledge of the

Coal Fields of Newfoundland up to the Present Time.

I have confined myself strictly to what I know and can prove to be correct. I have taken considerable pains to gather all possible information of a reliable character outside of what was already in my possession, and have refrained from putting forward anything of a speculative nature whatever. In the interests of the country generally, it is to be hoped that authoritative statements which can be amply borne out, will be the means of attracting the attention of those whom it would be desirable to interest in our coal deposits, which I am convinced, no overcolored, grossly exaggerated and unsupported assertions are likely to effect.

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