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into the breach and was in a million dollars for mine. As with everything else in the ates which haven't been mine. As with everything else in the report, there is gross misrepresenta-tion where possible, and also an at-tempt to represent things as very much better than they really are. For instance, there is a table supplied showing that 2,500 tons of coal had engines which have been heavy price, for new flat n provided at a new box cars which ovided at all. for better s at Port aux Basques een obtained and 2,000 developed, has been done and and all of this coal is estimated as sheds at St. John's being valued at ten dollars a ton. To not been a stroke the unthinking it would of course apand this is the man who pear' that all this coal had been got ed the Reids a year ago for

to the surface but, being struck by the suspicious looking phraseology of the report, I put a question to the Minis-ter asking what was meant by coal matter of fact, out of the milrs that was appropriated last railway betterments, all that that was obtained and by coal that was Sydney and brought into this counent is \$275.000 for locodeveloped, and discovered that coal try by ships. \$225,000 for flat cars and obtained is that which is brought to the surface, and coal developed is Port au Basques, or \$550,-her, and the other \$450,that which is left below in the form of pillars to hold up the ground and

brilliant idea of mining coal at South rBanch, and forthwith the Govern-ment newspapers were filled with further questions, that the work was being abandoned at the end of June, after an expenditure of \$16,000 in addition to the \$120,000 spent up to the end of March, which was the last date we had in the previous report. Here is a case where, without any subwere going to happen. Any amount of coal was to be gotten, and gotten more cheaply than ever before, and all

stantial ground for doing it, the Gov-ernment went and spent \$100,000 on coal and now has nothing whatever a seven-foot seam of coal, and that all the coal that was required for Grand Falls would be obtained by this seam I need hardly say that after the report was made nothing more was heard of it. The whole thing fizzled out and this coal area, like the South Branch one, proved to be of no value winter, and in his report there is a good deal of attention devoted to the worths take no stock in all this coal talk, I can say that they have recently concluded a ten-year agreement with the Sydney coal mining companies to supply them with all their require-ments at Grand Falls, Bishop's Falls, Botwood, and the other points where

they use it, and if I want still further evidence to show that nothing has been done or is likely to be, it is to be found in the very suggestion of Sir George Bury in his report tabled here a few days ago, where he advises the putting up of a coal handling plant at Argentia, he evidently being satisfied that our coal in the future, as in the

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