

whence large quantities of it are exported. Excellent coal and in great abundance is found at many other places in this vicinity. A coal field extends quite across Boularderie Island, from one of the seams of which, four feet thick, on the Little Bras d'Or, some coal has been raised. Several valuable beds appear, one of which, only, nine feet in thickness, has been opened. Good coal also occurs at Cow Bay, and at various other points on or near the sea shore in that vicinity. The coal-fields of Cape Breton County would appear to be almost inexhaustible, and nature affords every facility for working them to advantage.

The extensive coal deposits of Nova Scotia can scarcely be too highly estimated, when considered in connection with the fact, that no coal-fields of any considerable value exist in the eastern states, Canada, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, or—so far as yet known—in Newfoundland.

Reddish, grey, and brown *Freestones* are found in abundance in the carboniferous district. Freestone of good quality for buildings is procurable at Horton, Falmouth, Windsor, Shubenacadie, Londonderry, Wallace, Pictou, Guysborough, Port Hood, Margaree, Whycocomagh, and various other parts of Cape Breton. In most, if not in all of these, it may be quarried and shipped with facility. Excellent quarries are also to be found in many places in the interior. Hitherto the greatest quantities of freestone have been taken from the quarries of Wallace and Pictou. The best and most expensive public buildings in the province are composed of Wallace-stone; whilst that of Pictou has been of late years extensively exported to the United States where it is highly prized. Sandstone suitable for millstones and grindstones is procured at Pictou and the eastern part of Cumberland; but Minudie and other localities in the vicinity of the Joggins, already referred to are the most celebrated for this material. Grindstones are there quarried and hewn out directly upon the shore of the Cumberland Basin, the great rise and fall of tide enabling those engaged in the business to load their vessels with the stones upon the spot where they have been both quarried and dressed.

*Lime* and *gypsum* are found in enormous quantities in Northern Hants and Southern Colchester. The quarrying and shipping of gypsum to the United States, from Shubenacadie and the neighbourhood of Windsor form quite an active and flourishing trade. It is constantly increasing, and may increase almost indefinitely, for the supply seems inexhaustible. Large deposits of both are found scattered across the central portion of the county of Cumberland forming a band extending east and west. Lime is quarried at Cape John, Merigomish, and at the west and east rivers of Pictou: gypsum is also procurable at the latter locality. Both lime and