

Several local mines have been opened out in St. Clair county, viz: The Coöperative Coal Co. at New Athens; Lebanon Coal Co. at Lebanon; Wm. Hartmann, Millstadt; Henry Reinheimer, Freeburg; Miller & Company, at French Village; John Branch, near Belleville; Cyrus Stubblefield, 2 miles south of Marissa; and John Sliment & Son, at Centerville.

The Consolidated Coal Co. of St. Louis, Mo., has put in operation during the year a new mine, three miles south of Collinsville, in St. Clair county. The equipment of this mine is first class in every particular. Powerful hoisting engines have been installed with a boiler power of over 1,000 H. P. A large washery has been built capable of washing 1,000 tons of coal in eight hours. This mine has been opened out in a very short time, and in less than ten months the company was hoisting 1,500 tons of coal per day, operating 30 entries and about 100 rooms. The mine will be known as No. 17.

Prospecting has been renewed again at the New Douglas mine in Madison county.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Improvements have been made during the year at the following named mines in St. Clair county:

The Oak Ridge Coal Co. at Marissa has retimbered the shafts of its mines, improved the tower and put in first motion engines and electric haulage.

The Joe Taylor Coal Co. of O'Fallon, at its Ridge Prairie mine, has put in electric haulage, also an electric motor to run the fan at the St. Ellen mine. The Sullivan Coal Co. cutting machines and compressors have been put in.

The Prairie Coal Co. of Belleville has put in a new 20-foot fan.

The International Coal Co. of O'Fallon, has put in electric haulage at its Carbon mine.

The Glendale Coal Co. of Belleville has put in electric haulage.

The Tirrie Coal & Mining Co. of Lenzburg has put in electric haulage.

The Superior Coal & Mining Co. at Belleville has put in an electric motor to run the fan.

The Fred Murphy mine of Belleville has put in an electric motor to hoist the coal.

The following improvements are noted at coal mines in Madison county:

The New Staunton Coal Co. at Livingston has put in electric haulage.

The Interstate Coal Co. at Worden has put in a new engine and cage at their escapement shaft.

The Lumaghi Coal Co. of Collinsville has built a large coal washery near their mines at that place.

The Madison Coal Co. has built a large washery near their mines at Glen Carbon.

CHANGES IN THE NAMES OF COAL COMPANIES.

The Southern Coal and Mining Co. of St. Louis, Mo., has bought the following mines: The Walnut Hill Coal Co.'s mine; the Lenz Coal and Mining Co.'s mines Nos. 1 and 2; the Avery Coal and Mining Co.'s Oakland mine; the Oakhill Coal Co.'s No. 1 mine; the Glendale Coal and Mining Co.'s No. 2 mine; the Muren Coal and Ice Co.'s mine No. 1; and the Little Oak Coal Co.'s No. 1 mine. These mines from this time forward will be known as the Southern Coal and Mining Co.'s Nos. 1 to 8. All are located in St. Clair county.

The Lake Superior Coal Co. has been changed to the L. Senior mine. The Madison Coal Co. has changed its name to the Madison Coal Corporation. The John Marshall mine at Caseyville is now worked by the Elliott Brothers. The H. L. Hancke mine at Fosterberg is now owned by Earnest Rink. The Henry Golike mine at Fosterberg is now operated by Mish Meyers. The Oscar Meyers mine at North Alton is now operated by George H. Miller. The Conrad Reeb mine at Belleville is operated by Bretz & Co. The Lebanon Coal and Mining Association has changed its name to the International Coal and Mining Company.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

The following is a detailed statement of the fatal accidents that have happened in the eighth inspection district during the year ending June 30, 1906.

July 17, 1905. James Harrison, miner, aged 50 years, married, was injured at the St. Louis and O'Fallon Coal Co.'s No. 1 mine, near Belleville, St. Clair county. He was in the act of loading a mine car when a large piece of slate fell and caught him. He died 13 hours after the accident. He leaves a widow and five children.

July 19, 1905. Neapolian Goalby, shot firer, aged 41 years, single, was killed at Donk Bros.' Coal and Coke Co.'s No. 3 mine at Troy, Madison county. Deceased had lighted a shot in a room on the left rib. The shot was opposite a cross-cut coming through from the next room. He went into the cross-cut in the next room to fire a shot, when the shot from the first room blew into the cross-cut, throwing the coal, which caught him. He was killed instantly.

July 25, 1905. George Pearson, driver, aged 35 years, married, was killed at the Madison Coal Corporation's No. 4 mine at Glen Carbon, Madison county. He fell in front of a loaded trip, bruising his body so badly that he died later. He leaves a widow and five children.

August 7, 1905. George Strebel, miner, aged 45 years, married, was injured at the St. Louis and O'Fallon Coal Co.'s No. 1 mine at Belleville, St. Clair county, by falling rock at the working face. He died from the injuries received, September 17, 1905. He leaves a widow and five children.

August 8, 1905. John F. Rebeck, blaster and loader, aged 18 years, single, was injured by falling slate in the Madison Coal Corporation's No. 2 mine at Glen Carbon, Madison county, from which injuries he died at his home in Edwardsville, May 10, 1906.

August 26, 1905. Reinold Haase, miner, aged 18 years, single, was killed by a fall of slate at the working face, in the Mount Olive and Staunton Coal Co.'s No. 1 mine at Staunton, Madison county.

October 11, 1905. Daniel Hopp, shot firer, aged 38 years, married, was injured by a fall of clod in the Southern Coal and Mining Co.'s No. 6 mine at Belleville, St. Clair county. His left leg was broken and he was injured internally, from the effects of which he died 3 days afterwards. He had lit the squib of a shot when the clod fell and caught him. He called to his partner for assistance, who came and pulled the squib out of the hole and carried deceased to a place of safety. He leaves a widow and two children.

October 14, 1905. August Mozart, blaster and loader, aged 35 years, married, was killed by falling slate while working at the face of his room in the Lumaghi Coal Co.'s No. 2 mine at Collinsville, Madison county. He leaves a widow and four children.

October 26, 1905. John Tetter, trip rider, aged 25 years, single, was killed in the Donk Bros. Coal and Coke Co.'s No. 3 mine at Troy, Madison county. He was making a flying switch and fell from the rear end of the motor. The empty cars ran over him.

October 27, 1905. John Delaney, miner, aged 48 years, married, was killed by a fall of rock near the working face of his entry in the Donk Bros. Coal and Coke Co.'s No. 1 mine at Donkville, Madison county. He leaves a widow and five children.

October 27, 1905. Henry Sweby, miner, aged 40 years, married, was killed by falling rock near the working face of the entry in the Donk Bros. Coal and Coke Co.'s No. 1 mine at Donkville, Madison county. He leaves a widow and two children.

November 8, 1905. Joseph Bowman, machine helper, aged 56 years, married, was killed by falling coal from the face of the room in the Mt. Olive and Staunton Coal Co.'s No. 1 mine at Staunton, Madison county. He leaves a widow and five children.

December 30, 1905. William Koch, miner, aged 22 years, single, was killed by falling coal at the face of the entry, in the Breeze-Trenton Coal Co.'s mine at Trenton, Clinton county.

January 10, 1906. John Dugan, miner, aged 40 years, single, was killed by falling slate at the face of his room in the Consolidated Coal Co.'s mine at Brookside, Madison county.