

The Consolidated Coal Co. has built a new tippie at its Richland mine, Belleville, St. Clair county.

*New Mines.*—In St. Clair county three new shafts are being sunk, one of them by the Beatty Brothers of Mascoutah, the location being near Rentohler. Joseph Guest and others are at work on a new mine, located near the power house of the East St. Louis & Belleville Electric Railway, between Belleville and East St. Louis. The other is located near the Start Brewery at Belleville, and is being sunk by a party of miners, and is intended for local trade. The other two will be shipping mines.

The Superior Coal & Mining Co. has sunk a new shaft; it is 7 by 14 feet and 160 feet to the coal. The thickness of the coal is six and a half feet. The company was about ready to hoist coal the 1st of July; the mine is equipped with a pair of engines, 11 by 18 inches, having a winding drum five feet in diameter, geared one in six; also an air compressor of the Norwalk type, having a capacity to supply 12 mining machines. Part of the machines are on the ground, ready to be put in; they were made by Herzler & Henninger of Belleville. The mine is located on the East St. Louis & Belleville Electric Railway, three miles west of Belleville.

In Madison county five new shafts have been put down to supply the local trade. Three of them are located near North Alton and two at Bethalto.

The Clover Coal Co. has reopened a shaft that was sunk 11 years ago; very little coal had been taken out, as the company that sunk the shaft had not sufficient capital to operate it. The mine was abandoned and allowed to fill with water. The parties forming the new company are residents of St. Louis and have organized with a capital stock of \$100,000. The water has been taken out of the mine; the company has built a new tippie, put in new engines and boilers, and is almost ready to commence hoisting coal. The shaft is located at New Douglas, Madison county, on the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railway; its depth is 437 feet, and the thickness of the coal is nearly six feet.

*Mine Fires.*—The following named companies have had fires at their mines: The Donk Bros. Coal & Coke Co. had a fire at their No. 1 mine, destroying the tippie and washery; the loss is estimated at over \$60,000. The company rebuilt the tippie and resumed work in a very short time, and is now rebuilding the washery.

The tippie of the Madison Coal Co.'s No. 2 mine, Glen Carbon, Madison county, was destroyed by fire but was immediately rebuilt, and the mine was at work in less than 30 days.

The Sorento Prospecting & Mining Co., Sorento, Bond county, had a fire at its mine, which destroyed the tippie and hoisting engines.

Charles Hortman of Belleville had a fire at his mine, which burned down the tippie and engine room, destroying the engine and boiler.

*Fatal Accidents.*—July 3, 1901, James Domiski, miner, age 52 years, married, employed in the White Oak mine of the Consolidated Coal Co., Marissa, St. Clair county, was killed by a fall of soapstone. He leaves a widow and seven children in Russia.