

Number of machines in use.....	11
Number of kegs of powder used in blasting coal.....	68,690
Number of steam boilers at the mines.....	139
Number of fatal accidents.....	21
Number of non-fatal accidents.....	108
Number of tons of coal produced for each life lost.....	154,902
Number of tons of coal produced for each person injured.....	30,122

**New Mines**—The Christian County Coal Co., Taylorville, which is composed of local capitalists, has completed sinking one of the largest mines in this State, and it is being equipped with the very best machinery obtainable, for the purpose of making it a large producer, which it will be when fully developed. The company is engaged in sinking an escapement shaft at the present time.

**Abandoned Mines**—There have been several small mines abandoned in the district, but the parties who operated them have generally opened up other mines in the same locality; this does not, however, materially change the production of coal in the district.

**Fatal Accidents**—The total number of fatal accidents reported this year is three less than reported for the preceding year; taking into consideration that the tonnage is nearly as great as last year, it is a very gratifying result.

July 5, 1900, Charles Kouloski, miner, aged 60 years, single, employed in the mine of the Moweauqua Coal & Mining Co., Moweauqua, Shelby county, was killed by a fall of roof. The accident happened at about 10:30 a. m., in room No. 13, fifth north entry, west side. He had fired a shot the night before that knocked out nearly all the timbers in the room, and while engaged in replacing them the roof, which was full of slips and "nigger-heads," fell and caught him, killing him instantly.

July 9, 1900, Charles Frank, miner, aged 28 years, single, was killed in room No. 12, second west northwest entry, at the Himrod Coal Co.'s mine, Westville, Vermilion county. Deceased knew the rock was loose and was in the act of timbering it when it fell, with the above result.

July 16, 1900, William Klouza, miner, aged 24 years, single, was killed by a fall of rock in room No. 25, forth west entry, at the Brookside Coal Co.'s mine, Grape Creek.

August 30, 1900, William Hafner, miner, aged 20 years, single, was killed in room No. 15, ninth north entry of the Catlin Coal Co.'s mine, Catlin, Vermilion county, by a fall of roof. Deceased well knew the dangerous condition of the roof, as his attention had been called to it before the accident happened, as the mine examiner had marked it in several places. He lived with his parents in south Danville.

September 15, 1900, Charles Koehler, timberman, aged 35 years, married, was killed in the Citizen's Coal Co.'s mine at Lincoln, Logan county, by a piece of cap-rock falling on him. Deceased had worked in this mine for the past 15 years. He left a widow and four children.

September 26, 1900, John Butkis, miner, aged 30 years, married, was killed by a fall of roof in room No. 15, ninth south entry of the Kelleyville Coal

Co.'s No. 2 mine, Westville, Vermilion county. Just how the accident happened no one knows, as he was away from his working place at the time of the accident. He left a widow and one child.

October 24, 1900, Hugh Donohue, miner, single, aged 35 years, was killed by a fall of roof in room No. 10, fifth west entry, south side, in the mine of the Consolidated Coal Co. at Fairmount, Vermilion county. At the time of the accident deceased was engaged in wedging up a piece of bottom coal, when the roof gave way suddenly, killing him; there was a prop under the rock, but it wasn't placed sufficiently near the center to hold it up. He worked by himself, and it is supposed that the accident happened about 10:30 a. m. The body was found about 2 p. m.

October 25, 1900, John Olson, motorman, aged 28 years, married, was killed on the main entry of the Kelleyville Coal Co.'s mine No. 3, Westville, Vermilion county. He was thrown from the motor and run over by the cars. Just how the accident happened no one fully knows, but it is presumed that he received an electric shock that caused him to fall. He left a widow and one child dependent.

November 5, 1900, William Lynch, driver, aged 22 years, single, was killed in the Pana Coal Co.'s mine, Pana, Christian county, by being crushed to death between two pit cars. How the accident happened no one knows; eye-witnesses say that the cars were running along very slowly, and there was ample room for him to get out of the way before being caught.

November 15, 1900, Mathew Hayes, miner, aged 38 years, was killed in the mine of the Westville Coal Co, at Danville, by a fall of rock. He leaves a widow.

November 19, 1900, William Wansler, miner, aged 54 years, married, was killed by falling coal in the mine of the Economy Coal Co. at Danville, Vermilion county. He was mining off a standing shot when the coal suddenly gave way, falling on him in such a manner as to cause death. He left a widow and five children dependent.

January 25, 1901, George Horwith, miner, aged 37 years, married, was killed in room No. 54, seventh south entry, east side of the Kellyville Coal Company's mine No. 2, Westville, Vermilion county, by flying coal. The miners working in the adjoining room had lighted a shot and had gone out to the mouth of room 54, shouting to deceased and his partner to get out of the way as they were going to fire; receiving no response they concluded that he (deceased) had fired his shot and gone home. When their shot went off it blew through the rib with the above result. He left a widow and five children.

January 31, 1901, Charles Foster, aged 50 years, top man, married, employed at the mine of the Assumption Coal & Mining Company, Assumption, Christian county, was killed by the kick of a horse. A part of his duties was to run the railroad cars to be loaded, this he did with the aid of a large horse; it appears that he thought the horse was not pulling as much as he should, he picked up a short board and began striking the animal, when the horse