

county. These mines are located on a new railroad built by the Frisco and Big Four railroads. It is the intention of the company to make this mine a large producer; a number of houses have been built and a tract of land has been laid out in lots, so that miners desiring to do so may build their own houses.

The St. Louis & O'Fallon Coal company, Belleville, St. Clair county, is sinking a new shaft two miles east of its No. 1 mine, and four miles east of French Village, St. Clair county. The Western Anthracite Coal company has bought this property. This company own their own railroad, the St. Louis & O'Fallon, from the mines to East St. Louis.

A new shaft is being sunk by the Prairie Coal company, Belleville, St. Clair county, located on the East St. Louis & Suburban Electric railroad, four miles west of O'Fallon in St. Clair county.

The old Alma mine, formerly owned by the Consolidated Coal company, of St. Louis, located on the B. & O. S-E. railroad, near O'Fallon, has been sold to Yock Bros., of Belleville. They have reopened the mine, rebuilt the tippie, engine and boiler rooms and retimbered both shafts; the intention is to put in electric motors for haulage under ground.

The coal property known as the Buxton Coal company, Buxton, Clinton county, has been sold to the Breese Coal company, Breese, Clinton county. After this company ascertained the conditions of the property a main shaft was sunk and a tippie built and the company is now ready to hoist coal, being fully equipped with direct hoisting engine and two boilers.

The Breese Coal company has also sunk a new shaft at Trenton, Clinton county, and will commence to hoist coal about the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The Borders Coal company, Marissa, St. Clair county, has sunk its No. 2 shaft two miles northeast of Marissa, located on the Illinois Central railroad.

A company organized as the Little Oak Coal company has sunk a new shaft, located on the Southern railway, six miles east of Belleville, and will commence to hoist coal the beginning of the fiscal year.

The Abbey Coal & Mining company, Collinsville, Madison county, has sunk a shaft at that place to supply local trade.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The Donk Bros. Coal & Coke company, Troy, Madison county, has put in two additional electric motors of ten tons each at its Troy mine; also two additional motors at its No. 1 mine near Collinsville.

The Mt. Olive & Staunton Coal company has placed two more electric motors in its No. 1 mine at Staunton, Macoupin county.

The Madison Coal company has sunk a new air shaft at its No. 2 mine, Glen Carbon. This makes three separate openings, which has increased the ventilation to a great extent.

The Glendale Coal Co., Belleville, St. Clair county, has put an electric motor in its No. 1 mine.

The Muren Coal & Ice Co., Belleville, St. Clair county, has installed two electric motors in its mine, New Baden, Clinton county.

The Dutch Hollow Coal Co., Freeburg, St. Clair county, has rebuilt the tippie at its mine, making it more convenient to handle a large output.

ABANDONED MINES.

The mine operated by the Clover Coal & Mining Co., New Douglas, Madison county, has abandoned its mine at that place, owing to the condition of the coal seam. It is not profitable to operate this mine.

The Millstadt Coal Co., Millstadt, St. Clair county, has abandoned its mine at that place, the coal being worked out.

The Donk Bros. Coal & Coke Co., has abandoned its mine at Belleville; the greater part of the coal seam was cut by a fault in the strata, the rock over the coal being completely washed out on account of erosion and having a clay roof, making it so that the coal could not be mined.