

## FOURTH DISTRICT

*Hon. A. D. Lewis, Director,  
Department of Mines and Minerals,  
Springfield, Illinois.*

SIR: I have the honor of submitting to you the report of this the Fourth Inspection District, comprising the coal producing counties of Christian, Menard, Morgan, Pike, Sangamon and Scott, for the year ended December 31, 1928.

The following is a summary of the items shown in the report:

Number of counties producing coal.....	6
Number of shipping mines.....	22
Number of local mines.....	36
Number of employees underground.....	9,472
Number of employees on surface.....	673
Total number of employees.....	10,145
Total tons of coal produced.....	7,429,227
Days operated, shipping mines, average.....	133
Days operated, local mines, average.....	155
Number of fatal accidents.....	13
Number of non-fatal accidents.....	912
Number of employees to each fatal accident.....	780
Number of employees to each non-fatal accident.....	11.12
Tons of coal produced to each fatal accident.....	571,479
Tons of coal produced to each non-fatal accident.....	8,146
Ratio of fatal accidents per 1,000 employed.....	1.28
Ratio of non-fatal accidents per 1,000 employed.....	89.90

### MINES TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Peabody Coal Company's mines Nos. 6 and 9, Chicago-Springfield Coal Co.

### CHANGE OF NAME

Quality Coal Company to H. F. Young; Buckley Coal Co., to Mine B Coal Co.; Illinois Coal Corporation to Lincoln Coal Co.

### FATAL ACCIDENTS

January 13, Milton Holman, cager, age 39 years, single, was killed by a fall of rock in Peabody Coal Company's No. 53 mine. He leaves his mother dependent.

February 5, James McManus, mine examiner, age 67 years, married, died from effects of a gas explosion January 27 in Assumption Coal Company's mine. The gas was ignited by an open lamp. He leaves a widow.

March 10, John Stout, miner, age 59 years, single, died from injuries received by a fall of rock on January 23, in Panther Creek Mine No. 1.

March 27, Ed Juell, shot-firer, age 53 years, single, was killed in Peabody Coal Company's No. 55 mine. Deceased had lighted a shot, and retiring, lost his light and became confused. Apparently, he had walked in the wrong direction and had stopped in front of room neck to re-charge his lamp, when the shot exploded, killing him almost instantly.

July 5, Joseph Kutnack, shot-firer, age 47 years, married, was found dead in Peabody Coal Company's No. 57 mine. The Coroner's jury returned the following verdict in this case: "Deceased came to his death on the 5th day of July, 1928, at or about the hour of 8:30 P. M., of some cause unknown to this jury, he having been found dead in an entry in mine No. 57, operated by the Peabody Coal Company, located in Springfield, Illinois, at about 6:30 P. M., July 5, 1928, while in the performance of his duty as a shot-firer and while employed by the Peabody Coal Company as such." He leaves a widow. (This fatality not charged to coal production.)

**August 10, Terrance J. Connolly, mine manager and superintendent, age 60 years, married, died from injuries received four days earlier in Assumption Coal Company's mine by an explosion of gas. The gas was ignited by sparks caused while connecting electric wire. He leaves a widow.**

August 18, John Ronchetto, trip-rider, age 23 years, single, was caught between two cars while in the act of coupling them, and killed, in Peabody Coal Company's No. 7 mine.

September 5, Rene Fauverque, miner, age 24 years, married, and Doreni Fauverque, laborer, age 22 years, married, were killed in Peabody Coal Company's No. 58 mine by a fall of rock. They each leave a widow.

September 14, John Lloyd, miner, age 55 years, married, was killed by a fall of coal in Peabody Coal Company's No. 7 mine. He leaves a widow and two children.

November 9, Nick Morgalese, miner, age 43 years, married, was killed by a fall of face coal in Peabody Coal Company's No. 7 mine. He leaves a widow and three children.

November 11, William Hahn, machine runner, age 34 years, married, died from injuries received by a fall of slate two days before in Peabody Coal Company's No. 51 mine. He leaves a widow and two children.

November 15, Oliver H. Wenneborg, foreman, age 34 years, married, was helping to unload a generator from a truck at the Otto P. Wenneborg mine, when it slipped and fell, catching him between it and the truck, killing him almost instantly. He leaves a widow.

November 26, John Wusnowskas, miner, age 43 years, married, was killed in Sangamon Coal Company's No. 2 mine by a fall of slate. He leaves a widow and three children.

Respectfully submitted,

**PATRICK GILLEN,**  
*Inspector-at-Large.*