

Number of wives made widows.....	25
Number of children left fatherless.....	58
Number of employ�es to each fatal accident.....	186
Number of tons of coal to each fatal accident.....	111,941
Ratio of fatal accidents per 1,000 persons employed.....	5.2
Number of employ�es to each non-fatal accident.....	73
Number of tons of coal to each non-fatal accident.....	43,407

NEW MINES.

The Stonington Coal Co. has completed the sinking of a new shaft at Stonington, Christian county, located on the Wabash railroad east of Taylorville. The seam is No. 6 of the geological section and at a depth of four hundred and eighty-one feet; the thickness of the coal is seven feet and three inches. The sinking of the escapement shaft was begun June 1, 1905, and will be completed by the time the tower, engine and boiler rooms are finished, and the necessary machinery is in place.

The Dering Coal Co. of Westville has put in operation two new mines, Nos. 3 and 4, which were sunk last year and has also completed the escapement shaft to both of these mines.

The Century Coal Co. of Tower Hill, Shelby county, the Blue Mound Coal Co. of Blue Mound and the Manufacturers and Consumers Coal Co. of Decatur, Macon county have also completed escapement shafts during the last year.

ABANDONED MINES.

There has been no large mines abandoned during the year. However, a number of small mines have been abandoned, or have gone out of business, while a like number have taken their places, so that the total number of mines is about the same as last year.

PROSPECTIVE MINES.

The Lovington Coal Mining Co., Lovington, Moultrie county, is still going on with sinking operations of its mine at that place; the sinking is now down to the solid strata, a depth of one hundred and sixty feet from the surface. During the sinking fifty-five feet of sand and gravel was encountered, also an immense quantity of water had to be contended with. The company is now putting in inside timbers and concrete, after the completion of which it does not anticipate any more trouble in sinking the shaft.

The Vermilion County Coal Co. has begun the sinking of a new shaft on the Big Four railroad near Georgetown, Vermilion county.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The Citizen's Coal Co., Lincoln, Logan county, has installed a new Cappel fan, 15 feet in diameter, from which is expected a decided improvement in the ventilation of its mine.

The Newbent Coal Co., Pana, Christian county, has also put in a 12½-foot Cappel fan, which has greatly improved the ventilation in that mine; the company has also put in shaker screens.

The Penwell Coal Mining Co., Pana, Christian county, has raised the tower at its mine, and is also putting in shaker screens.

The Kelleyville Coal Co., Kelleyville, Vermilion county, has extended the electric haulage on the west side of its No. 2 mine of that place.

The Dering Coal Co., Westville, Vermilion county, has made valuable improvements during the year at its No. 2 mine. A compressed air punching machine of the Harrison type has been installed, operated by a Norwalk air compressor. This is only for the purpose of driving narrow work. A Westinghouse 150 K. W. Generator, driven by a 19x18 inch 200 R. P. M. Ideal engine has also been installed; this electrical equipment is for the purpose of furnishing power for running four gathering motors of the Westinghouse-Baldwin type, to haul coal from the rooms. It is expected, when these motors are thoroughly equipped with experienced operators, all the coal will be hauled from the rooms, dispensing with mules in this mine.