

Coal Production by Counties, with increase or decrease in each, for the years ending July 1, 1894 and 1895.

COUNTIES.	TOTAL OUTPUT OF LUMP COAL—IN TONS.		Increase—Tons.	Decrease—Tons.
	1894	1895		
Cass .....	18,800	14,120	820	
Fulton .....	444,896	379,488		65,458
Logan .....	154,025	95,585		58,490
McLean .....	125,063	137,096	12,042	
Menard .....	235,873	187,857		48,016
Peoria .....	517,957	381,983		136,074
Tazewell .....	85,399	82,066		3,313
Vermilion .....	342,615	286,598	93,983	
Woodford .....	150,150	116,416		33,734
Totals .....	2,569,268	2,331,028	106,845	345,085
Decrease tons .....				238,240

*Improvements.*—The Menard Coal Company, Greenview, Menard county, has constructed 2,000 feet of air-way on the south side of their mine, which has largely increased the volume of air circulating through their mine.

The Chicago & Minonk Coal & Tile Company, at Minonk, has put in four new steam boilers and placed a new pair of hauling engines in the bottom of their hoisting shaft. The ventilating current of this mine has been somewhat improved, but the air-way must be enlarged the entire length of the workings before the ventilation can be put in first class condition. Otherwise, a new air shaft should be put down near to the face of the workings.

The McLean Coal Company of Bloomington, has sunk a shaft from the middle to the lower vein, and drop the coal down to the lower vein where they have a double tail rope system of haulage. The air current now passing down this shaft has largely increased the volume of air circulating, by reducing the length of the air-way one-half.

The Muncie Coal Company has sunk a new air and escape shaft and placed the ventilating fan on the surface, these improvements have been of great benefit to the ventilation.

The Kelleyville Coal Company, at Kelleyville, Vermilion county, has constructed 3,600 feet of new airway, parallel with their main entries up to the 7 and 8 cross entries. This will put the mine in good condition as far as ventilation is concerned.

The Pawnee Coal Company of Westville, Vermilion county, has put in an air-compressing plant. Compressor is 19x30 cylinders, 4 mining machines and running 6 air drills. They have also put in two new steam boilers with 20-foot diameter fan, and made 3,600 feet of new air-way, and built 5 overcasts; these improvements have placed this mine in a first class condition.

E. Little & Co.'s mine, at Wesley, has been rebuilt, and improved machinery has been put in. The hoisting shaft has been made two feet larger. A Brazil fan, ten feet in diameter, has been put on the air-shaft, which will greatly add to the ventilating power. The tower and other buildings are of a substantial nature and will therefore enable this company