REPORTS OF THE INSPECTORS OF MINES.

Church Mine.

A new slope has been sunk from the surface to the coal.

Grassey Island Mines.

They have driven a new drift to open up the slope vein of coal.

Dolph Colliery.

There have been new lump coal schutes built on breaker.

Edgerton Mine.

Two air shafts have been sunk, one 35 feet deep, the other 41 feet deep; sectional area of each, 100 square feet.

Peckville Colliery.

This is a new colliery, located in Winton borough, on the south-east side of the Lackawanna river. Coal can be shipped by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad or the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's railroad. It is owned and operated by the Peckville Coal Company. They have one drift driven 200 feet into the coal, and opening right and left of the main heading. There is another drift 600 feet south of breaker. A new breaker is being built which will have a capacity of 600 tons per day. They will be ready to ship coal in about three months. An air shaft is also being sunk.

Pierce Mines.

The slope from the surface has been sunk 700 feet in 1886. Sectional area, 100 square feet.

Erie Colliery.

On November 16, 1886, Erie breaker was destroyed by fire. It is now being rebuilt, and will be ready for the preparation of coal about March 1, 1887. Sunk one pumping shaft 225 feet deep; sectional area, 48 square feet. Two new shafts are being sunk, one to top vein and one to bottom vein. Size of shafts, 12×30 feet. A breaker is to be erected for the preparation of coal and is now ready for the superstructure.

Keystone Mine.

One self-acting plane, 450 feet long, sectional area, 96 square feet, has been built and in operation.

Brennan's Mines.

A new breaker has been erected; a drift has been opened and an air shaft has been sunk in 1886.

Belmont Mines.

A new drift has been driven for a distance of 300 feet, for the purpose of drainage. Sectional area, 42 square feet.

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Buffalo Mines.—Built a three foot gauge track railroad from mines to Jefferson branch of N. Y., L. E. & W. R. R., a distance of two and one third miles. Coal is hauled by a small locomotive. A new hoisting engine, new main and pony rolls and screens were also put in, and the breaker and machinery given a thorough overhauling.

Belmont Mines.—A new water level tunnel; was opened to coal headways, and airways were driven to cut off the distance in haulage.

Edgerton No. 2 was opened by a water-level tunnel. It is located about two miles northeast of breaker. Coal is hauled by a small locomotive on a three-foot gauge track.

Eaton Tunnel.—Drove a heading to surface for manway and ventilation; size of opening, 6'x9'=54 feet.

Eaton Shaft.—Sunk a shaft from surface to the present working or "Archbald" vein 162 feet deep; size of opening, 10'x20'=120 feet area.

Jermyn No. 3.—Sinking slope; it is down 700 feet; opening 14'x7'-98 feet area; driven on a grade of one in three feet; in place, six new boilers, one pair of hoisting engines, 10'x10', one fan engine, 12''x12'', and one pump, and are also building new breaker.

Mount Pleasant Mines.—Sinking a second opening from G, or Big vein, to Clark.

Filer's Slope, now Mount Jessup.—Have driven slope in coal about 1,000 feet in length.

Lackawanna Shatt.—Have placed an endless wire rope about 2,000 feet long in main gangway for haulage; it works satisfactorily; it is cheaper and better than horses or mules.

Pancoast Shaft.—Have put in a new set of boilers; have put in Zeigler's patent slate pickers; have graded slope to a uniform grade for about 1,000 feet; they are using the electric arc light at this colliery and it gives general satisfaction.

Rushbrook Shalt.—Have erected a new blacksmith shop, 20'x20', a new powder house, 10'x10', a new barn, 14'x20'; have placed in mine a No. 10 Knowles pump, sunk a second opening to top vein, and have driven headings in top vein going east 350 feet, and in the same vein going west 300 feet; the east heading in bottom vein has been driven 400 feet, and in the same vein going west 125 feet.

Spencer Shaft.—Are driving slope in coal northwest of shaft; in middle vein they are down about 800 feet.

Hon. Thomas Waddell is at present opening up a new mine in Winton borough.

Note.—The Peakville Coal Company's colliery was idle during the year and did not ship any coal.

The Rushbrook colliery did not ship any coal during 1888.

Bridge colliery was sold and abandoned August 16, 1888.

Shaft No. 2, Penn. Coal Company, located in Dunmore, was abandoned September 1, 1888.