

FATAL ACCIDENTS

Falls of Coal, Slate and Roof

Good Spring Colliery, March 1, Joseph Gauntlett, miner, was instantly killed. He commenced a pillar heading at the face of breast on the above date, and had driven it about 7 feet on one side. He failed to place any timber to sustain the upper side of the heading, and while going down the breast manway in the evening on his way home a piece of coal fell from the upper side of the heading on him.

St. Clair Colliery, May 2, John Stolka, laborer, was killed by fall of coal. He was engaged filling a car with coal from a pillar which was being removed, when a fall occurred from an unseen slip, pinning him against the car.

St. Clair colliery, September 7, Richard Davis, miner, was instantly killed. He was changing a prop on the side of gangway when the coal pushed the prop from its position and fell on him.

Lytle colliery, February 18, Daniel Deegan, repairman, Henry B. Moore, loader, Peter Mostofskie, miner, George Cutlash, miner, Sylvester Pedock, miner, were descending slope in gunboat on west side at point opposite No. 2 level, when they were killed by a fall of rock.

The throttle valve of the tender slope hoisting engine being out of order, the officials concluded to lower the men in the gunboat of No. 2 slope. They placed a false bottom in west gunboat which made it convenient for men to get in and out. The east was running empty, timber being lowered in it during the day to No. 3 level.

The East boat was lowered rapidly, there being no person aboard. There were three boat loads of men lowered before the accident occurred.

The east or empty boat jumped the track disturbing the timber on the slope at No. 2 level, which in turn set the top moving, and it fell about the time west side boat with men in arrived at this place.

St. Clair colliery, October 5, Wociech Skobish, laborer, was killed by piece of rock, triangular shape, falling on him at face of breast.

St. Clair colliery, January 21, Wasil Dunski, miner, was killed by fall of slate. A piece of coal from a blast struck a set of timber near the face of the breast displacing it. Dunski got a hammer to arrange the timber, and struck it one blow when the timber collapsed allowing the slate to fall on him.

Phoenix Park colliery, February 27, George Marshall, miner, was instantly killed. He, his partner and one laborer, were engaged moving pillars on No. 1 plane N. basin. There was a bad piece of slate hanging near the face of skip. The three men tried to pull it down with drills, but failed. Marshall's partner wanted to put a blast in it, but Marshall objected, saying, it was all right. About 12:00 M. the slate fell, killing him.

New Castle colliery, March 14, Albert Master, driver, was killed by fall of top slate while on the gangway watching the loader filling his car. The mine foreman and repairman claimed they examined this piece of slate shortly before the accident occurred. The foreman ordered the repairman to put some props under it. He had sunk a prop hole and went out the gangway to get a prop, and while he was away the piece of slate fell on Master.