

TENTH 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 Tenth Inspection District, comprising the coal producing county of Franklin, for the year ended December 31st, 1928.

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

Number of counties producing coal.....	1
Number of shipping mines.....	19
Number of employees underground.....	12,862
Number of employees on surface.....	1,397
Total number of employees.....	14,259
Total tons of coal produced.....	14,078,923
Days operated, shipping mines, average.....	168
Number of fatal accidents.....	51
Number of non-fatal accidents.....	1,631
Number of employees to each fatal accident.....	279.6
Number of employees to each non-fatal accident.....	8.74
Tons of coal produced to each fatal accident.....	276,057
Tons of coal produced to each non-fatal accident.....	8,632
Ratio of fatal accidents per 1,000 employed.....	3.58
Ratio of non-fatal accidents per 1,000 employed.....	114.38

RE-OPENED MINES

Brewerton Coal Company No. 22.

NOT OPERATED

Old Ben Coal Corporation No. 9; Illinois Coal Corporation No. 10.

CHANGE OF NAME

Industrial Coal Company Nos. 18 and 19, to Peabody Coal Co. Nos. 18 and 19.

FATAL ACCIDENTS

January 6, Bivian Duncan, trip-rider, age 22 years, single, was crushed between pit-cars, in Chicago, Wilmington and Franklin Coal Company's No. 2 mine, causing his death one hour later.

January 9, an explosion of gas occurred in Industrial Coal Company's No. 18 mine (now **Peabody Coal Company's No. 18**) causing the **death of twenty-one men**. The following table gives the name, occupation and dependents of the men killed:

Name	Age	Occupation	Dependents
Carl Jones.....	35	Face boss.....	Widow and two children
Ed. Dodd.....	57	Loader.....	Widow
Walter Graves.....	25	Loader.....	None
Dan McPhail.....	26	Trapper.....	None
Albert Jones.....	40	Machineman.....	Widow and four children
Oral Simons.....	26	Loader.....	None
C. P. Caraway.....	23	Loader.....	None
Lloyd Bradley.....	39	Machineman.....	Widow and one child

Name	Age	Occupation	Dependents
Gerald Day.....	21	Loader.....	Widow
John Mitchell.....	39	Loader.....	Widow and seven children
Ray Farrell.....	41	Loader.....	None
Paul Kays.....	23	Loader.....	None
Leonard Smith.....	31	Loader.....	Widow and four children
Andy White.....	20	Loader.....	None
Neely Hall.....	33	Loader.....	Widow and two children
S. Tanner.....	31	Loader.....	Widow and two children
George Mahier.....	42	Loader.....	None
Kelly Lawrence.....	31	Loader.....	Widow and two children
C. W. Duggar.....	32	Loader.....	Widow and two children
Aubra Stone.....	25	Loader.....	Widow and two children
W. Brandon.....	41	Loader.....	Widow and four children

January 17, Ben Whited, night boss, age 39 years, married, died from injuries received the day previous in Valier Coal Company's mine. Deceased was caught between two motors and had one leg cut off and the other one badly injured. He leaves a widow.

February 15, Arthur Hughes, motorman, age 28 years, married, died from injuries received two days previous in Old Ben Coal Corporation's No. 8 mine. Deceased was preparing to take out a trip of loads, and as he was walking along the side of the trip counting the loads, a fall of coal from the face knocked out a prop, which struck him on the head, fracturing his skull. He leaves a widow and two children.

March 2, Max Sheruba, miner, age 41 years, was killed in Old Ben Coal Corporation's No. 14 mine. Deceased was walking along the haulage road and stopped in cross-cut to let a trip of loaded cars pass. The trip had come uncoupled, and not noticing it, when the motor and four cars had passed, he resumed his walk on the track, was run down by the other cars and almost instantly killed. He leaves a widow and six children.

March 3, John Shiver, miner, age 52 years, married, died from injuries produced by a fall of rock the day previous in Old Ben Coal Corporation's No. 8 mine. He leaves a widow and four children.

March 6, Joseph Taggart, machine runner, age 41 years, married, was killed in Old Ben Coal Corporation's No. 8 mine, when caught against machine frame by a large lump of coal falling from roof. He leaves a widow and three children.

March 22, George Bennett, miner, age 57 years, married, was instantly killed by a fall of coal in Franklin County Coal Company's No. 5 mine. He leaves a widow.

March 28, Mark Enrico, laborer, age 26 years, married, was caught between two pit-cars and instantly killed, in Franklin County Coal Company's No. 7 mine. He leaves a widow.

April 22, Silas Whittington, timberman, age 40 years, married, was killed in Chicago, Wilmington & Franklin Coal Company's No. 2 mine by a fall of rock. He leaves a widow and two children.

June 8, S. R. Peterson, blacksmith, age 57 years, married, was killed in Chicago, Wilmington & Franklin Coal Company's No. 2 mine. Deceased was helping to repair the cage in the tip-