

We return our thanks to the different Collectors in this region and elsewhere, for their promptness in furnishing returns for compiling our Annual Statistics. In but one case no attention has been paid to our inquiries.

OUR ANNUAL STATISTICS. We present our readers with our Annual Coal Statistics. The increase in the supply this year is \$36,222, a little over one half the increased supply of last year.

Schuykill County it will be observed, furnished the largest increase in 1880, but the few improvements that are now progressing does not augur well for the future. This is a matter worthy of the serious consideration of all parties interested in the growth of our trade, and particularly the transporting companies, that depend on our region for an increased business. If the Coal Trade should remain stationary, all other business growing out of the trade will remain in the same position. If higher rates are charged on transportation, it tends to build up other regions to the expense of this region. It is necessary for us to say, that it is the interest of this region that the carrying charges be kept as low as possible, and that the transportation companies be kept as low as possible, and that the transportation companies be kept as low as possible.

These are the great drawbacks which are depressing the Coal Trade of Schuykill County, and unless the carrying companies leading to Philadelphia hold out some inducement for further developments in the Southern portion of the Schuykill Coal Region, the trade must continue to decrease. A large portion of the Basin, as it has done for the last two or three years, this product of the upper Mahanoy Basin, which will be diverted next year, in all probability, be diverted to New York instead of Philadelphia via the Tomajug and Lehigh Railroad, which we learn, will be constructed by the time that Coal Basin is prepared to send Coal to market. The Coal markets are generally bare, but the demand of the country is such that it is difficult to tell what effect it may have on the trade. Our impression is that 500,000 tons will require an increase of 1861—and if the tonnage over the Pacific Railroad Bill, which is before Congress, is passed, it may require from 7 to 8,000,000 tons increase, of which Schuykill County, if the trade is encouraged, may send 150,000 to 200,000—and if not encouraged, it is doubtful whether she will send any more to market than she did last year. The increased capacity of the other Regions, however, can make up the deficiency.

ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES.

We give below the official quantity of Coal sent to market in 1880, except from one point, which is not official, but which will not vary much. We also give the trade of the semi-Anthracite and Bituminous Coals, which enter into competition with the Anthracite on the seaboard.

The increase in Anthracite this year is 613,717 tons, and the other kinds give an increase of only 24,519 tons, making the total increase for the year 638,237 tons, against 1,115,399 tons, the increase in 1879, or of 482,162 tons.

The aggregate supply of Anthracite this year reaches 6,136,254 tons. Semi-Anthracite and Bituminous 240,697 tons.

Giving a total supply of 6,376,951 tons, sent toward the seaboard in 1880, except about 320,000 tons, which were sent into Northern Pennsylvania and New York.

Table with columns: Year, Tons, Increase, etc. for Anthracite and other coal types.

The number of Collieries that will be worked this year, are distributed as follows:

Table with columns: Region, Number of Collieries, Tons, etc.

There were but one or two new Collieries put in operation during the last year, and this was that which was worked by the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad.

The estimate put down of these Collieries in 1881 is as follows:

Table with columns: Region, Number of Collieries, Tons, etc.

The actual quantity of Coal that has been sent to market in 1880, is as follows:

Table with columns: Region, Tons, etc.

The quantity sent by Canal was 700,000 tons, and the balance reported 5,676,951 tons.

So far Schuykill County has furnished a little over one half the quantity of Anthracite sent to market, but hereafter she will begin to fall rapidly, unless a different policy is pursued to encourage and protect our trade.

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Improvements for 1881. We have never known so few improvements progressing, as there are this year in the Schuykill Coal Region.

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