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#### NOTES ON THE MORE IMPORTANT COAL

##### BELLY RIVER DISTRICT

The fuels embraced in this district are slightly superior in quality to those coals containing a very small percentage of a strong coke on heating, yielding abundant hydrocarbons, and precisely resembling those of Cretaceous or Laramie age. The general term *coal* will be used, as there is no definite line between the two classes of intermediate varieties.

A coal seam, which occurs on the Belly River, is seen in the banks for many feet above the water, due to the light color of the coal it is affected. It is generally not more than six inches in thickness though persistent on the Belly River it thickens to thirty inches in the seam, which appears to be of good quality. The locality is thirty-two miles in a direct line from the mouth of the river (Range XVI, Township 10.) No analysis of this fuel.

The locality just referred to is at the crossing of the Belly River by the railroad. The coal occurring at this place is in shale and occurs at the base of the Pierre. It is on the west side of the river and has been worked to a small extent by Mr. N. Sheran. A second mine has been opened on the opposite side of the river, and a considerable quantity of coal is being extracted. The outcrop of coal extends, in workable thickness, from the mouth of the St. Mary River to that part of the river near the Banks, and thence northward to the mouth of the river seventy miles.