

C—ASTRABAD, SHAHKUD, BASTAM AND SEMNAN DISTRICTS

Coal has been reported from many places in these districts but little is known of the extent of the areas or size of the seams. The following localities may be mentioned:

1. SHAVER, east of Tash. The Hon. G. C. Napier, in 1874, says: "At Shahkud bala there are said to be seams of coal never worked. At Tash there was a mine which had been worked for some time, the coal being carried to Gez to supply the Russian steamers."

2. PIR-I-KHAN. A seam, 1 foot thick, is known here. The coal is bituminous, of good quality, light and hard.

3. TAZARIEH. This point is situated at an elevation of 7,022 feet. Four seams of good coal occur with thicknesses of 1 foot 10 inches, 6 inches, 5 feet and 2 feet, respectively.

D—MAZANDERAN DISTRICT

Coal is reported from several places in this district. At Galugah three seams are known, 1 foot, 2 feet, and 3 feet thick, respectively; the coal, however, is of poor quality.

In addition to the above mentioned districts coal has been reported from the districts of Ispahan, Shiraz, Ahwaz and Azerbaijan, but no particulars as to the extent of the areas, the size of the seams or the quality of the coal are at hand.

Anthracite of good quality, but in thin seams, is said to occur in the districts of Kerman and Yezd.