

coln, Illinois. Mr. Beach believed so much in the future prospects of this property that he volunteered to take a great proportion of his wages in the Company's shares, which he has done, and at the present time 80 per cent of the workmen employed at the mine have volunteered to do likewise. Mr. Beach's reports would fill quite a large volume. At the beginning of November, 1912, Mr. Beach reports:—"No 2 tunnelling driven about 200 feet, seam 7 feet thick."

He was asked to report from time to time the amount of foreign matter in the seam, this varied from one-third to two-thirds from time to time. The seam in the tunnel averaged from three to nine feet thick for a distance of over four hundred feet when a broken formation was met with and it was difficult to determine the exact width or thickness. On the advice of experts we then commenced to sink a slope on the vein where it was 7 feet thick and depth showed a great improvement for quite a distance when we encountered a broken formation of a very troublesome character. I then sought the advice of the best coal men available, their opinions were that it would be more economical to prove the value of the underlying seams by cross cutting them with a Diamond Drill.

The Drill is now at work under the supervision of my son, who has had an extensive experience in drilling, and the instructions are that the drill is to be kept going day and night, and a full report as to what we encounter will be submitted in detail at the Annual Meeting on April 6th.

I may mention also that besides the many official reports signed by Mr. Beach, he wrote numerous letters, extracts being as follows:—

"Sinking on coal, coal on one side is 6 feet and on other side is four and a half feet."

"We are in 10 feet from the face where we started and have coal that burns well, the bone has got down to 6 inches and the face 7 feet from foot to hanging wall and the coal getting better every foot."

"Face is now 6 feet 10 inches and I think getting better every foot."

"The coal is turning out so well in tunnel, thought that was the place to get results and one you could handle lots of coal out of."

"Coal looking well and am driving in the coal straight into the hill."