

Summary of Statistics.

Number of mines at present in operation.. . . .	121
Number of new mines opened in 1909.. . . .	32
Number of mines abandoned in 1909.. . . .	8
Number of tons of coal mined.. . . .	2,174,329
Number of tons of coke produced.. . . .	87,812
Number of tons of briquettes produced.. . . .	89,785
Average number of persons employed inside the mine	3,893
Average number of persons employed outside the mines	1,314
Number of fatal accidents inside the mines.. . . .	7
Number of fatal accidents outside the mines.. . . .	2
Number of non-fatal accidents inside the mines..	47
Number of non-fatal accidents outside the mines..	13
Number of mine managers certificates issued.. . . .	27
Number of pit boss certificates issued.. . . .	23
Number of fire boss certificates issued.. . . .	44

Throughout the various coal mining districts of the Province, there has been during the year a considerable amount of development work and opening up of new mines, etc., of which the following summary is published by the Provincial Inspector of Mines:—

‘At Taber a number of the small companies have consolidated, and three larger and more substantial companies formed, viz., The Great Western Coal Company, The Alberta Consolidated Coal Company, Limited, and The Rock Springs Sootless Coal Company, Limited. All three of these Companies have installed good sized plants, including complete compressed air plants and coal mining machines, and two of them have already procured railway facilities.

‘In the Lethbridge district, the Diamond Coal Company, Limited, have completed the installation of their plant, put in a spur line of railway, and are now in a position to push the development of their mine ahead, which will put them in a position to produce a much larger output during the coming year. The Royal Collieries, Limited, are pushing the development of their mine ahead rapidly, and are getting it into shape for a much larger output. The new plant of the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company, at their No. 6 mine, has been completed, and the development of the mine is being carried out on a large scale.

‘In the Crowsnest pass, the Leitch Collieries, Limited, have opened a new mine, erected a tippie, and obtained railway connexions. At Burmis, there is another mine opened by the Davenport Coal Company, who have procured railway connexions. At Blairmore, a new mine has been opened by The West Canadian Collieries, Limited, which should develop into a large mine. West of Coleman, the McGillivray Creek Coal and Coke Company, Limited, a new company which has been formed, has opened a mine on a 12 ft. seam of coal, and a new tippie and plant are in course of erection.

‘In the Pincher Creek district, the Western Coal and Coke Company, Limi-