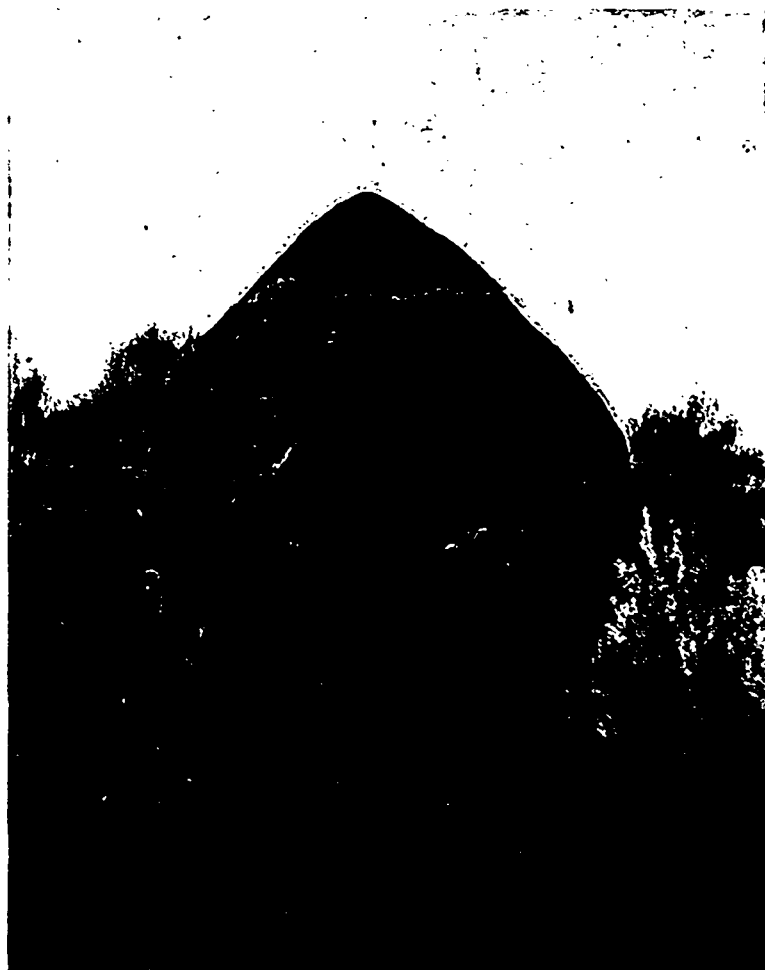


formation was expected to be struck, at a depth of 96 ft. This shaft was started 8 ft. 4 in. x 12 ft. 10 in. in the clear, and well timbered, and was sunk about 45 ft. when it had to be temporarily abandoned, owing to the influx of water, which the machinery at command could not handle. The shaft had been equipped with a suitable hoisting plant and head gear, pumps, etc., and a sawmill erected and equipped.

After the stoppage of work at the No. 1 shaft, there was an attempt being made in July to sink

50 ft. deep in the solid formation, while 150 ft. below this it is expected that the Rat Hole seam developed by the Middlesboro Colliery will be struck. These seams dip at an angle of about 25 deg. towards the No. 1 shaft and would, consequently, at that shaft be correspondingly deeper.

While considerable delay has been experienced in reaching the coal seams, owing to the overlying water-bearing strata, it is not felt that the conditions offer any insurmountable difficulties, and that, with proper mining equipment, the task can be accomplished.



Hollow Concretion on Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co.'s Property.

No. 2 shaft, at a point about 10 ft. from the edge of the Clearwater River, which point was "to the rise of the coal" from the No. 1 shaft. Here the solid formation, which outcrops boldly immediately across the river, was expected to be covered by only 19 ft. of gravel wash.

In July this shaft had been sunk for 16 ft. and, although the inflow of water was considerable, it was expected that no difficulty would be experienced in reaching the solid formation and eventually making the shaft water-tight.

From exploratory work it was indicated that, at the No. 2 shaft, a 40-in. seam of coal would be found at a depth of 70 ft. from the surface; this is about

The developments in the vicinity would give every indication that important coal seams underlie the property and will soon be made productive.

B. C. Amalgamated Coal Company.—The only other company doing any development in the valley was the British Columbia Amalgamated Coal Company. This company was organized in Portland, Oregon, with head office at 506, McKay Building, Portland, Oregon, A. B. Crossman, secretary-treasurer, and registered in British Columbia as an "Extra-Provincial Company," under date March 7, 1907. The company is limited, and its capital stock is \$10,000,000, divided into \$1 shares. It is reported to hold a large acreage of land situated up the Cold-