

COLLECTION OF MINERAL STATISTICS
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AN ACT

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For the collection of mineral statistics.

Section 1. Duty of railroad canal or slack water navigation companies to make report of coal transported

In addition to the information now required to be furnished to the auditor general by the several railroad and canal companies of this Commonwealth, each of said railroad and canal companies, when their railroad or canal passes through any of the coal regions of the State, shall report for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and annually, as soon after the first day of January in each year, or the close of the fiscal year of said companies, as the information can be procured, under oath of one of the officers of said company, to the Auditor General, the quantity of coal of each kind, and of coke in tons of two thousand pounds each, received for transportation at each station on every such railroad, and at each coal shipping point on said canal, distinguishing in said report the quantities received direct from the mines from that received from other railroad or canals, giving the name of said connecting railroad or canals in such a manner that the amount of the production of coal on the line of said railroad or canal may be correctly ascertained; the Monongahela Slack-Water Navigation Company, and all other slack-water navigation companies, engaged in conveying coal or coke, are also hereby required to make returns, in the same manner as is hereinbefore required of railroad and canal companies. 1871, May 9, P.L. 261, Sec. 1.

Section 2. Duty of railroad company to report coal purchase or mined for its own use

It shall also be the duty of each of said railroad companies to report the quantity of coal purchased or mined for their own use in this State by them during each year, and which was produced along the line of said railroad, and stating at what place or places the same was mined, and which was not included in the reports of coal received for transportation before mentioned of said railroad, or of any other railroad or canal. 1871, May 9, P.L. 261, Sec. 2.

Section 3. Information to be furnished by mine operators to Auditor General as to coal not transported on any railroad, etc.; or as to accidents

It shall be the duty of all coal mining companies or firms and individuals working mines, and of all state and county officers, to furnish to the Auditor General, in answer to his letters or circulars, all information in their possession in regard to the quantity of coal mined that is sent to market direct by any navigable river, or used by any rolling mill, blast furnace, salt works or otherwise, and which is not transported on any railroad, canal or slack-water navigation company, and also to inform him when and of whom correct

information as to the coal production of any such locality can be procured; and further, to inform him of all accidents in mines in counties where there is no mine inspector appointed by law, and how the same was caused. 1871, May 9, P.L. 261, Sec. 3.

Section 4. Duty of Auditor General to collate and tabulate reports

It shall be the duty of the auditor general, on receiving said reports, and such other authentic information as he shall collect, to collate said reports and information, and make a report, giving the results only in tabular form, showing the quantity of coal mined during each year in each county, and in each important coal producing region, in a perspicuous form, separating the several kinds of coal into anthracite, semi-bituminous, bituminous, and splint or block coal, suitable for smelting iron, giving also from time to time the statistics of each region, from the beginning of its coal trade, so far as it can be ascertained; he shall also specially report the number of accidents resulting in death or injury, in coal mines in those counties where there is no mine inspector, classifying them according to the cause thereof, whether occasioned by fire, explosions, falls of roof or coal in shafts or slopes, or other causes under ground or at the surface. 1871, May 9, P.L. 261, Sec. 4.

Section 5. Auditor General to collect and classify statistics of other minerals than coal

The Auditor General shall also, in the same manner, collect statistics collate, classify and report, at the same time, the quantities of petroleum, salt, iron ore, zinc and other mineral productions of the commonwealth; also the pig iron and merchant or wrought iron manufactured in the commonwealth. 1871, May 9, P.L. 261, Sec. 5.

Section 6. Printing and distribution of report

Eight thousand copies of said report of the Auditor General, together with his suggestions on the workings of existing laws and his propositions as to new enactments, shall be published for distribution, annually, as soon as it is prepared, with the title of mineral statistics of Pennsylvania; and one copy thereof Mineral Statistics of General, to each person who shall have furnished him with information as aforesaid, and the balance shall be delivered to the legislature for distribution. 1871, May 9, P.L. 261, Sec. 6.

Section 7. Penalty for neglect to make report

Any railroad or canal, or slack-water navigation company, or coal mining company, firm or individual engaged in mining, or any county officer, who shall neglect or refuse, for thirty days, to make report or give the information required by this act, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by order of the attorney general, in an action of debt in which the Commonwealth shall be plaintiff, by the district attorney of the proper county, the one-half thereof to go to said district attorney, and the other half for the use of the poor of the proper poor district. 1871, May 9, P.L. 261, Sec. 7.