

some time ago; they are now suspended, like the whole of this company's mines. By looking at the plan, only 1,500 feet appear to be between the two places.

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THE HENRY COLLIERY SHAFT, SINGLE OPENING.

*H. W. Burroughs, Operator.*

This shaft is 384 feet deep, has a large breaker attached to the head house, and the mine gives off a considerable quantity of gas or fire-damp. After being restricted to twenty men in the mine at one time, they decided to sink a second shaft 9 by 12 feet in size, and are entitled to especial commendation for the energy displayed since they began. Four months ago they commenced cutting upwards and sinking from the surface, and are now within 40 feet of being through. Had it not been that they met with large feeders of gas fire-damp in the place they were cutting up from below, compelling them to abandon this mode of completing the work, it would have been through this year, thus showing what can be done where there is a will.

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WEST PITTSTON SHAFT, SINGLE OPENING.

*The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, owners.*

This shaft is 280 feet deep, giving off considerable gas or fire damp. This company having only lately become the owners, the state of the works being very bad, and this change in the ownership being looked for, little work has been done during my term of office, until lately; they are sinking a slope, prospecting as to the proper location for a new shaft.

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THE EAST BOSTON SHAFT, SINGLE OPENING.

*The Consumers' Coal Company of New Jersey, owners—Chas. Hutchinson, lessee.*

This shaft is 160 feet deep; has a breaker attached to the head house; was not working for some time, the lessee and lessors being in dispute about divers matters and things, amongst others, the question of the second mode of ingress or egress to the mines. The matter was finally settled, and Mr. Hutchinson is now sinking another shaft on the adjacent property, intending to make a connection with the East Boston shaft and mines, thereby making a second means of ingress or egress for each mine. This shaft is expected to be completed early in the spring, and Mr. Hutchinson's lease expiring in April, he will then work the newly leased tract from the new shaft.

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THE WATERMAN AND BEAVER SHAFT, SINGLE OPENING.

*Situated near Kingston—Messrs. Waterman & Beaver, owners and operators.*

This shaft is 347 feet deep, with a very large breaker attached to the head house. They have been driving for a second mode of ingress or