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CONFIDENTIAL

INSPECTION TOUR

of the

PLANTS & PROPERTIES

of

THE NEW RIVER COMPANY

by the

BOARD of DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER 15-16-17

1915

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1872

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ITINERARY AND TIME-TABLE

Leave		Arrive	
Monday, Nov. 15,			
Hinton	9:25 A.M.	Prince	10:00 A.M.
Prince	10:05 A.M.	Beckley Junc.	11:25 A.M.
Beckley Junc.	11:30 A.M.	Cranberry	12:00 M.
Cranberry	12:30 P.M.	Sprague	12:45 P.M.
Sprague	1:15 P.M.	Mabscott	1:45 P.M.
Mabscott	2:15 P.M.	Beckley Mine	2:20 P.M.
Beckley Mine	2:50 P.M.	Eccles	3:30 P.M.
Eccles, Via Virginian	3:40 P.M.	Bishop	4:40 P.M.
Bishop	4:45 P.M.	Oak Hill	5:00 P.M.

Lay over at Oak Hill over night.

Tuesday, Nov. 16,			
Oak Hill	8:15 A.M.	Lochgelly	8:45 A.M.
Lochgelly	9:15 A.M.	Summerlee	9:25 A.M.
Summerlee	9:55 A.M.	Whipple Stop	10:10 A.M.
Whipple Stop	10:40 A.M.	Carlisle	10:55 A.M.
Carlisle Via C. & O.	11:25 A.M.	Scarbro	11:45 A.M.
Scarbro	12:15 P.M.	Dunn Loop	12:40 P.M.
Dunn Loop	1:10 P.M.	Collins	1:30 P.M.
Collins	2:00 P.M.	Harvey	2:20 P.M.

Lay over at Harvey over night

Wednesday, Nov. 17,			
Harvey	9:00 A.M.	Macdonald	9:30 A.M.
Macdonald	12:00 M.	Thurmond	12:55 P.M.
Thurmond	1:00 P.M.	White Sulphur	3:10 P.M.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PLANT AND PROPERTY  
IN ORDER VISITED.

BECKLEY JUNCTION:

This is the junction point of the Piney River & Paint Creek Railroad with the Piney Branch of Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. The Piney River & Paint Creek Railroad extends six miles to Cranberry, with spurs to Skelton and Sprague Mines, passing through Beckley City.

Directly Southeast, or to your left, eight miles from this point are the South Raleigh Lands, comprising 10,248 acres of undeveloped mineral land owned by The New River Company. See Map (Center).

CRANBERRY:

Operated by Cranberry Fuel Co.  
Shaft Mine.

Depth: 441 feet from Surface.

Hoisting Depth: 467 feet.

Acreage: 5,654.45

Daily Capacity: 900 Tons.

Grade of Coal: 3" Lump and 3"

Resultant or Mine-Run.

System of Mining: Machine and Pick.

System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives  
and Mules.

Number of Employees: 207.

Number of Dwelling-houses: 110.

Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$46,690.24.

Railroad: Piney River & Paint Creek R. R.

Car Supply: Ches. & Ohio and Virginian Rys.

*in clude  
Sprague  
Skelton*

*6,953.11 ac  
Yanbair  
5543.78  
31,801,699  
LTS*

*mostly  
owned*

*See Cranberry*

SKELTON:

This mine was abandoned after being flooded due to breaking of surface.

We are about to pump out water and again operate. Pump has been ordered and should be working by December 1st. It will take approximately three months to unwater the mine. This opening is on the Cranberry Fuel Company lease and can be again put in operation by the saving effected by the recovery of overpayment of minimum royalty.

There are 71 dwelling houses at this plant.

SPRAGUE:

*See Cranberry*

- Drift Mine.
- Operated by Cranberry Fuel Co.
- Acreage: 2,190.88.
- Daily Capacity: 900 Tons.
- Grade of Coal: Run-of-Mine only.
- System of Mining: Machine and Pick.
- System of Haulage: Rope, Electric Locomotives and Mules.
- Number of Employees: 169.
- Number of Dwelling Houses: 65.
- Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$30,536.98.
- Railroad: Piney River & Paint Creek R. R.
- Car Supply: Ches. & Ohio and Virginian Rys.

MABSCOTT:

*Leased?*  
*4/14/21 acres*  
*2 00.22 return*  
*1.148.762*  
*Ans*

Drift Mine.  
Operated by Mabscott Coal & Coke Co.  
Acreage: 479.21.  
Daily Capacity: 450 Tons.  
Grade of Coal: Run-of-Mine only.  
System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives  
and Mules.  
Number of Employees: 125.  
Number of Dwelling Houses: 62.  
Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$34,300.19.  
Railroad: Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.  
Car Supply: Virginian and Ches. & Ohio Rys.

BECKLEY:

*3,761,212*  
*3,298,671*  
*18,926.118*  
*Ans*

*part  
owned  
leased*

Slope Mine.  
Operated By Beckley Coal & Coke Co.  
Acreage: 2,397.29.  
Daily Capacity: 800 Tons.  
Grade of Coal: Run-of-Mine only.  
System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
System of Haulage: Rope, Electric Loco-  
motives and Mules.  
Number of Employees: 167.  
Number of Dwelling Houses: 96.  
Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$35,155.92.  
Railroad: Ches. & Ohio Ry., Piney Branch.  
Car Supply: Ches. & Ohio and Virginian Rys.

### ECCLES:

This is the junction of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and Virginian Railway.

From this point to Bishop we go on the main line of the Virginian Railway west.

The Eccles mines are owned by the New River Collieries Co. and mine both the Sewell and Beckley seams. The Beckley seam at this point is of good height, averaging 6 to 8 feet.

Eccles No. 5 was the scene of a very severe mine explosion during April, 1914.

Between Eccles and Bishop we pass, on the right, the new Wierwood operation of the New River & Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Co. (Berwind-White); also, the Long Branch and Willis Branch Coal Co. From Dothan to Hamilton the main line of the Virginian Railway traverses the Mossy Coal & Land Co. and Dillon Coal & Land Co. properties owned by The New River Company. These tracts contain 10,840.39 acres of undeveloped coal, and prospects show an excellent seam of New River coal.

### BISHOP:

This is the junction of the White Oak Railway and the Virginian Railway.

### OAK HILL:

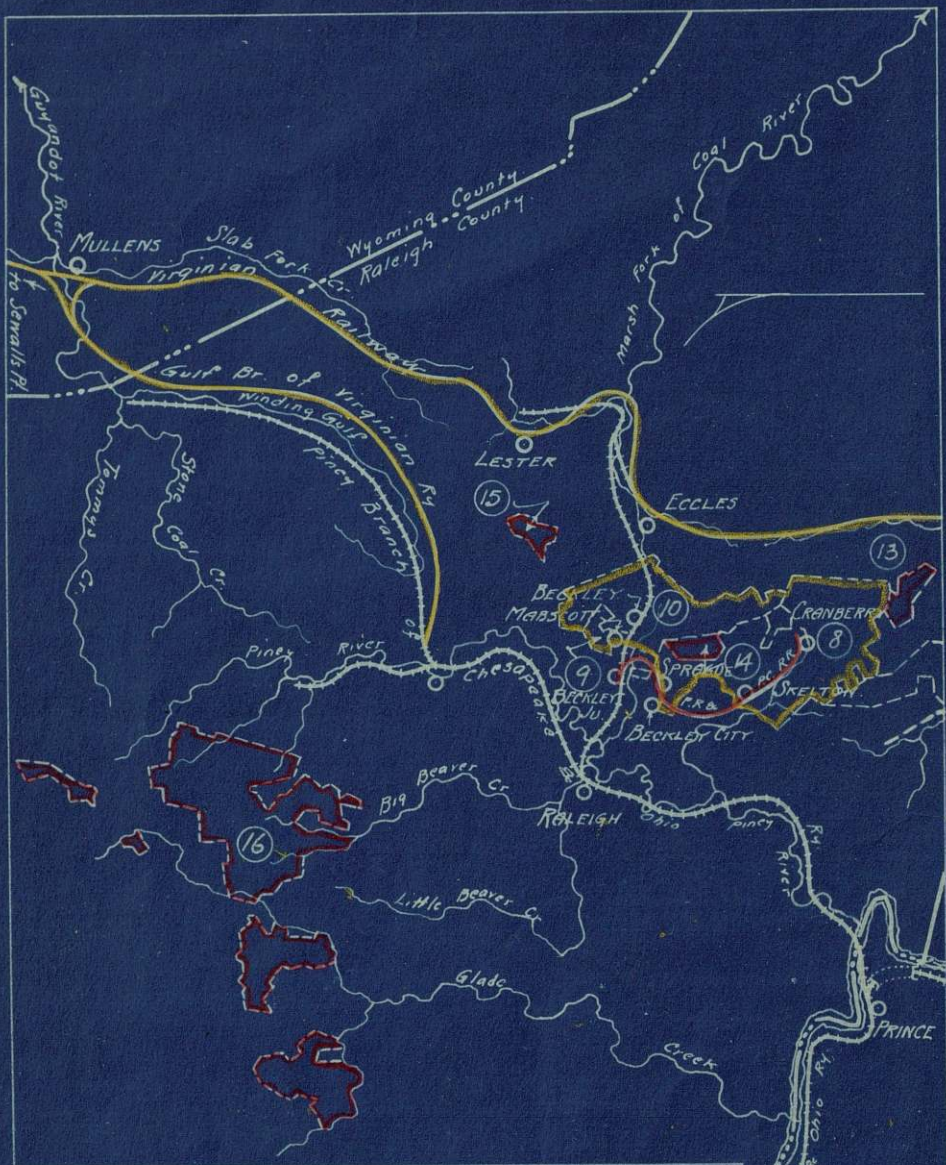
Situated on the main line of the White Oak Railway, over mineral leased by The New River Company.



6133.45

Reefer Coal & Lumber Co

6.345.02



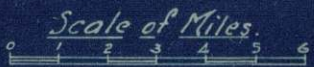
≡ LEGEND ≡

LEASED		OWNED					
No.	COMPANY	ACRES	MINE	No.	COMPANY	ACRES	MINE
1	Stuart Coll. Co.	3692.56	1	11	Dillon C + L. Co.	6133.45	1
2	White Oak Fuel Co.	5573.80	1	12	Messy C + L. Co.	4706.94	1
3	Prudence Coal Co.	997.00	1	13	Pax Br. Lands	315.91	1
4	Harvey C + C. Co.	1417.00	1	14	J.T. Hollandsworth	154.00	1
5	Collins Coll. Co.	1036.00	1	15	Ral. County Farm	219.27	1
6	Dunn Loop C + C. Co.	917.31	1	16	So. Ral. Lands	10243.00	1
7	Macdonald Coll. Co.	862.87	1	17	Gr Kanawha Coll. Co.	2590.75	1
8	Cranberry Fuel Co.	6452.11	2				
9	Mabscoff C + C. Co.	479.21	1				
10	Beckley C + C. Co.	3790.51	1				
Total		25218.37	14	Total		24368.32	



HOLDINGS  
of  
**THE NEW RIVER COMPANY**  
FAYETTE & RALEIGH COS.

W.VA.  
ENGR DEPT. MACDONALD, W.VA.



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3692

LOCHGELLY:

*acreage remaining  
3,288.31 less  
= 18,866.678*

Shaft Mine.  
Depth: 570.6 feet from Surface.  
Hoisting Depth: 609.20 feet.  
Operated by Stuart Colliery Co.  
Acreage: 2600.  
Daily Capacity: 600 Tons.  
Grade of Coal: Lump, Egg, Slack and  
Run-of-Mine.  
System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives,  
and Mules.  
Number of Employees: 177.  
Number of Dwelling Houses: 94.  
Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$50,102.44.  
Railroad: White Oak Railway.  
Car Supply: Ches. & Ohio and Virginian Rys.

*to yield 4  
10% or less*

SUMMERLEE:

Operated by Stuart Colliery Co.  
Shaft Mine.  
Depth: 658 feet deep.  
Hoisting Depth: 694.90 feet.  
Acreage: 1,092.56.  
Daily Capacity: 600 Tons.  
Grade of Coal: Lump, Egg, Slack and  
Run-of-Mine.  
System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives.  
Number of Employees: 165.  
Number of Dwelling Houses: 99.  
Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$44,045.24.  
Railroad: White Oak Railway.  
Car Supply: Ches. & Ohio and Virginian Rys.

WHIPPLE:

Shaft Mine.  
 Depth: 436.50 feet from Surface.  
 Hoisting Depth: 452.70 feet.  
 Operated by White Oak Fuel Co.  
 Acreage: 1300.98.  
 Daily Capacity: 600 Tons.  
 Grade of Coal: Lump, Egg, Slack  
 and Run-of-Mine.  
 System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
 System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives  
 and Mules.  
 Number of Employees: 181.  
 Number of Dwelling Houses: 70.  
 Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$43,231.93.  
 Railroad: Ches. & Ohio Ry., White Oak Branch.  
 Car Supply: Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

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Lease  
 272-92  
 Acres  
 3,896.76  
 800  
 22307.661

OAKWOOD:

Shaft Mine.  
 Depth: 449.20 feet from Surface.  
 Hoisting Depth: 525.30 feet.  
 Operated by White Oak Fuel Company.  
 Acreage: 2675.92.  
 Daily Capacity: 600 tons.  
 Grade of Coal: Lump, Egg, Slack and  
 Run-of-Mine.  
 System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
 System of Haulage: Electric Locomotive  
 and Mules.  
 Number of employees: 239.  
 Number of Dwelling Houses: 117.  
 Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$61,053.47.  
 Railroad: Virginian Railway.  
 Car Supply: Ches. & Ohio and Virginian Rys.

2,649.11

All coal from the Carlisle Lease is hoisted through Oakwood. Carlisle Shaft is

*Ward*

used as second opening and emergency.

The Warehouse and Repair Shops are located at this point. It is also the junction point of the White Oak Railway and the White Oak Branch of Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

SCARBRO:

*- 151228*

Shaft Mine. Acreage: 1596.90.  
 Depth: 390.78 feet from Surface.  
 Hoisting Depth: 411.58.  
 Operated by White Oak Fuel Company.  
 Daily Capacity: 1,000 Tons.  
 Grade of Coal: Lump, Egg, Slack and  
 Run-of-Mine.  
 System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
 System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives  
 and Mules.  
 Number of Employees: 295.  
 Number of Dwelling Houses: 171.  
 Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$76,220.67  
 Railroad: Ches. & Ohio, White Oak Branch.  
 Car Supply: Ches. & Ohio and Virginian Rys.

WINGROVE:

This opening is no longer used for hoisting coal. The entire output of both Wingrove and Scarbro mines is being hoisted through Scarbro shaft. At present it is used as the second opening to Scarbro Shaft and as a man-way, a substantial stairway having been built.

This shaft is 196 feet in depth.

DUNN LOOP:

*leased*

*792.31*

*112.02*

*644.263 done  
remains 21*

Drift Mine:  
Operated by Dunn Loop Coal & Coke Co.  
Acreage: 917.31.  
Daily Capacity: 1100 Tons.  
Grade of Coal: Lump, Egg, Slack and  
Run-of-Mine.  
System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives  
and Mules.  
Number of Employees: 249.  
Number of Dwelling Houses: 135.  
Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$59,664.35.  
Railroad: Ches. & Ohio and Virginian Rys.  
Car Supply: Ches. & Ohio and Virginian Rys.

*Decreasing  
operations*

COLLINS:

*leased*

*1010*

*115.65 ac.  
remains  
663.542  
to us  
199*

Drift Mine.  
Operated by Collins Colliery Company  
Acreage: 1036.  
Daily Capacity: 500 Tons.  
Grade of Coal: Run-of-Mine only.  
System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives  
and Mules.  
Number of Employees: 157.  
Number of Dwelling Houses: 119.  
Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$57,456.51.  
Railroad: Ches. & Ohio, Loop Creek Branch.  
Car Supply: Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

*Decreasing  
operations*

HARVEY:

Drift Mine.  
 Operated by Harvey Coal & Coke Co.  
 Acreage: 1417.  
 Daily Capacity: 1100 Tons.  
 Grade of Coal: Lump, Egg, Slack and  
 Run-of-Mine.  
 System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
 System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives  
 and Mules.  
 Number of Employees: 286.  
 Number of Dwelling Houses: 126.  
 Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$49,589.37.  
 Railroad: Ches. & Ohio Ry., Loop Creek Branch.  
 Car Supply: Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

*leased*  
 1.221.41 acrs  
 489.60  
 2.809.080  
 tons  
 remain

PRUDENCE:

Drift Mine.  
 Operated by Prudence Coal Company.  
 Acreage: 997.  
 Daily Capacity: 800 Tons.  
 Grade of Coal: Run-of-Mine only.  
 System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
 System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives  
 and Mules.  
 Number of Employees: 251.  
 Number of Dwelling Houses: 108.  
 Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$61,060.02.  
 Railroad: Ches. & Ohio Ry., Loop Creek Branch.  
 Car Supply: Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

713 -  
 355 acres  
 left  
 2,037.157.70

*leased*  
*@ 10% royalty*



MACDONALD:

*Leased*  
687 87  
84.33  
483.84 (1005)

Drift Mine.  
Operated by Macdonald Colliery Company.  
Acreage: 862.87.  
Daily Capacity: 300 Tons.  
Grade of Coal: Run-of-Mine only.  
System of Mining: Machine and Pick.  
System of Haulage: Electric Locomotives and Mules.  
Number of Employees: 135.  
Number of Dwelling Houses: 113.  
Merchandise Gross Sales Last Year: \$39,652.76.  
Railroad: Ches. & Ohio, Loop Creek Branch.  
Car Supply: Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

*Decreasing  
operations*

GENERAL OFFICES:

At Macdonald are located the General Offices of The New River Company, as follows:

- General Manager's Office.
- Accounting Department.
- Treasury Department.
- White Oak Coal Company.
- Purchasing Department.
- Engineering Department.
- Merchandise Department.



# THE NEW RIVER COMPANY

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ACREAGE OWNED ..... 24 368.32

ACREAGE LEASED ..... 25 218.37

TOTAL ACREAGE ..... 49 586.69

NO. OF OPERATIONS ..... 14.

PRODUCTION 1914 ..... 1 611 427

VALUE AT MINES \$ 2 223 625.23

MERCHANDISE GROSS SALES \$ 688 760.09

NO. OF EMPLOYEES ..... 2706

YEARLY CAPACITY ..... TONS

LUMP ..... 150 000

EGG ..... 165 000

SLACK ..... 385 000

R.O.M. ..... 1 800 000

2 500 000