

In 1886 a three-foot seam, which outcropped on a hillside two miles north of Dunseith, was mined by drifting, and it was found that the seam dipped toward the north at an angle of twenty or thirty degrees. Subsequently a vertical shaft seventy-five feet deep was sunk further back on the hillside, which encountered at that depth a seam said to be twelve feet thick, lying fifteen feet above the lowest point of the sloping seam. There is little doubt that the latter owes its slope to an extensive slip, and that the seam is really horizontal and will be found above the lowest point in the part that was subject to the slip ; but it cannot be possibly affirmed that the seam reported as found at the base of the shaft is the same one. If the thickness is reported correctly, and the two occurrences represent the same seam, the increase in thickness is very rapid.

At present residents of Dunseith are opening up these workings, and the prospects for a successful mine are good. If the initial showing is satisfactory, considerable work will be done this winter. Lignite will command a good price, for wood in Turtle mountains is becoming scarce, and freight rates to this section from the Ward county mines are considerable.