

Gellyciedrim Collieries Co. and Gurnos Anthracite Collieries Co. (2) The United Anthracite Collieries, with Sir F. A. Szarvasy as Chairman. This has acquired the following Collieries : Great Mountain Anthracite, Ammanford Anthracite, Pontyberem Anthracite, New Dynant Anthracite, New Rhos Anthracite, Carway Anthracite, Caerbryn Anthracite, Gwendraeth Anthracite, and Pentremawr. Subsequently a company called the Pwllbach, Tirbach & Brynamman Collieries, with Mr. S. Van den Berg as Chairman, was formed to acquire Pwllbach Colliery and Brynamman Collieries (1923).

About half of the area has now been acquired by the Amalgamated Anthracite Collieries. A prosperous Company, with a capital of £5,000,000, it has recently taken over a large number of other pits, including those belonging to the United Anthracite Collieries, which Company is now dissolved on an exchange of shares. It now owns a nearly compact coalfield of twenty-four mines in the counties of Carmarthen, Glamorgan and Brecon, with direct access to the shipping ports of Swansea and Llanelly. This area gives the Company a complete chain of collieries eminently suited for unified management, with an output of 40 per cent. of the total anthracite production of South Wales, and that of the best quality. The amalgamation has been sanctioned by the Railway and Canal Commission.

It is stated that Sir Beddoe Rees has bought for £1,000,000 six other anthracite collieries, including the Abercrave group owned by Messrs. Davies & Morgan. The output of these is probably one half of the whole area.

The only other owners of importance in the area are Evans Bevan, with three collieries ; Guest Keen & Nettlefolds with one important colliery of good quality coal, and Sir David Llewellyn, who has one or two collieries of substantial output. There are only a few shafts in the