to 77 per cent, per annum, (in reference to 6 per interest on the original investment,) as appears by the following statement, prepared in October 1883.

| | Share. | Selling price. | Dividend. |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Coventry Canal, | £ 100 | 600 | . \$6 |
| Forth and Clyde, | 400 | 545 | 8 |
| Loughborough, | 143 | 1820 | 76 |
| Neath, | 108 | 290 | 16 |
| Oxford | 100 | 5 95 | 36 |
| Stratford and Worcester, | 140 | 610 | 26 |
| Stroudwater, | 150 | 500 | 20 |
| Trent and Mersey | 50 | 640 | 77 |
| Grand Junction, | 225 | 245 | 7 |
| Leeds and Liverpool, | 100 | 470 | 28 |

besides the Erewash canal, and many others, mostly employed in the transportation of coal, some of them 130 miles long, and having one third more lockage than occurs in the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, from tide water to Cumberland. And if we direct our attention to the coal canals in this country,

we shall find them also, yielding large dividends."

The Lehigh and Schuylkill, like the Chesapeake and Ohio, are coal canals, not running immediately to the mines, but connected with them by eight or ten Rail Roads, constructed by the proprietors, averaging from eight to ten miles in length, which is, as we have already seen, the length of the Rail Roads required from our canal when completed, to the Cumberland and Frostburg deposits. The Rail Roads connected with the Schuylkill canal, transported as follows, in 1837

| Mount Carbon | Rail | Road | d, Ton | s 126.046 |
|-------------------|------|------|--------------------|-----------|
| Schuylkill Valley | 66 | 66 | | 68,875 |
| Mill Creek | 6.6 | 66 | | 70,000 |
| West Branch | 46 | | | 183,250 |
| Little Schuylkill | 66 | 66 | and by other means | |

Total tons, 541,186

Upon the Schuylkill Canal, in 1825, when it reached the coal regions, after encountering the greatest difficulties and discouragement, its tonnage amounted to only 6,500 tons;—yet, after the mines were operated, and rail roads constructed to transport the coal to the canal, the tonnage increased in a few years to 726,730 tons, and the tolls to \$604,189 57—and the stock rose from the lowest depression to 160 per cent. above par. And these enormous receipts are the proceeds of toll upon a