

The Lonaconing mine has a vein of fourteen feet, is a beautifully planned mine, with a railway to its several chambers, in distance exceeding one mile. At the Lonaconing is also to be found iron ore of superior quality. These works have been erected at a cost of \$300,000, and are under the care of Mr. Graham, a scientific gentleman, who has been very successful in his operations.

Our visit to Mount Savage was of great interest. This company, as we are informed, have expended the sum of \$750,000 in the purchase of their property, the erection of their buildings, opening their mines and ore banks, and in the construction of the most improved and beautiful machinery ever used. A town with a population of between two and three thousand individuals is here established, where but five years since the hunter pursued his game uninterrupted, and the busy hand of art had made no progress. Mount Savage is the only establishment in the United States where improved Rail Road iron is manufactured. This company are now furnishing, by contract, a northern State with Rail Road iron of excellent quality and cheaper than that imported. They have an abundance of coal, and clay for fire brick equal to any yet discovered. This establishment is under the direction of Col. Young, a gentleman of great experience, and in every way capable to conduct its affairs.

The committee, in the time allowed them, could not enter very many of the mines of the coal region; but in a distance of some fifteen miles on their route, they frequently had in view the apertures of the various mines opened by the enterprize of the citizens of Allegany. We are convinced from what we have seen, that the coal fields of the Frostburg region are inexhaustible for centuries to come, and in no coal region could the veins or beds of coal be more convenient for mining purposes. These coal deposits are located within a range of from seven to twelve miles from the town of Cumberland.

In the examination of the unfinished portion of the Canal between Dam No. 6 and the town of Cumberland, the committee were surprised at the vast amount of work which has been done; it had the appearance of a Canal nearly finished. At frequent intervals in their passage down the line their attention was arrested by massive stone aqueducts, and locks of a superior description of masonry, continuous lines of beautiful embankments, extending at one place a distance of ten miles. The location of the work is much higher above the bed of the river than the finished portion of the Canal below Dam No. 5, thereby rendering it more free from freshets and the overflowings of the Potomac. That portion of the work the committee viewed with great interest, was the tunnel and deep cut—the one being a bore of 3,118 feet through the base of the mountain, the other extending from the eastern portal of the tunnel two-fifths of a mile in length, and of a depth of sixty feet through solid rock. This magnificent undertaking has been nearly completed.