

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

November 9, 1895

All of the active copper mines of the celebrated Lake Superior district, nine in number, are located within the limits of Houghton County. The Houghton County mine inspector's annual report for the period ending September 30, 1895 shows that the average force employed by the nine active mines was 7,249, a decrease of 189 as compared with the previous year. The force of miners employed has decreased slightly each year since 1891, from the maximum number of 7,702. Notwithstanding the decrease in employees the output has increased with the advent of improved methods and machinery. The record of fatal accidents for this period is a sad one with 1895 recording 46 miners killed. In the past seven years there has been nearly 600 men killed in the copper, iron ore and gold mines of the Upper Peninsula.

Thomas Scadden will connect by telephone the residence of Dr. A.M. Darling (108 South Fifth) to H.J. McLaren's livery (128 Superior). If individual telephones continue to increase, the matter of a co-operative exchange will be subject for consideration in the near future.

the past six years are given below :

Year.	No. men employed.	No. killed.
1890	7,310	36
1891	7,702	28
1892	7,640	21
1893	7,591	23
1894	7,438	32
1895	7,249	46

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