

CUMBERLAND IRON ORE AND COAL.

The following statistics of coal and iron ore produced in and shipped from this and neighbouring ports during the year 1858, are taken from the Mineral Statistics of Great Britain and Ireland, (just published), by Robert Hunt, Esq., F.R.S., Keeper of Mining Records, and printed by order of the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury:—

HEMATITE IRON MINES NEAR WHITHAVEN IN 1858.

Names of Mines. Names of Owners.

Agnes Pit	Etcher, Miller, and Co.
Birks	H. Atwood and Son.
Briggs Moor, &c.	S. and J. Lindow.
Briggs	A. Hill.
Crowgill	Wilson, Pello, and Co.
Cleator	J. Almsworth and Co.
Eskel	R. Barker.
Eskel	D. & J. H. Robinson, Barker.
High House	S. W. Smith and Co.
High Trees	S. and J. Lindow.
Knockmorton	Thomas Carmichael.
Langhorne	Lord Londsdale.
Parkside	Fisher, Dees, Fletcher, and
Redhills	Mangrave.
Woodhead	John Strling.
Wodend	H. Atwood and Son.
Saler	Nicholson and Co.
Whithaven	Fletcher, Miller, and Co.

THE QUANTITY OF COAL PRODUCED AND SHIPPED IN CUMBERLAND FOR 1858.

Shipped from Maryport	300,229
Shipped from Workington	118,739
Shipped from Harrington	2,005
Shipped from Whitehaven	187,020
Total	622,987
Coals for land use by railway	78,430
Coals used at collieries and iron mines	3,700
Coals for local consumption at manufactories in principal towns	215,000
Total produce for Cumberland	920,137

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workmen of the Hematite Iron Company with their wives and sweethearts, held their annual tea and ball in the schoolroom at Cleator Moor, when about 100 persons sat down to a bountiful spread of tea, ham, and beef, &c. &c. Ten, over, the company adjourned to the large room above the school, where, to the music of Messrs Bragg and Hannab, they kept up dancing till the village cock had three done salutation to the morn, when all departed in hearty good humour. During the morning curtain buses and punch were served out by the...

OUR IRON ORE TRADE.

In 1858, the total quantity of Hematite iron-ore raised from the 19 mines then opened and at work in this district was 331,542 tons, the computed market value of which was £182,349 4s. The ore was thus distributed:—

By ship from Whitehaven	181,374
To South Wales, &c.	26,207
To Scotland, &c.	458
France	218
By railway from Whitehaven	207,266
To Staffordshire and N. Wales	3,777
To Scotland and N. Wales	11,910
Newcastle and Cumbria	41,361
Consumed at Cleator Moor and Workington	67,088
Total	331,542

Our principal customers by the North-Eastern Railway were in the Newcastle district, viz., Consett, Iron Works, 21,324 tons; Jarrow, 1149 tons; and Bitley, 370—total, in round numbers, 22,844 tons. To the Stockport district we sent 403 tons, and to Darlington 1367 tons. The produce of the mines has since continued on the increase. We do not know in exact figures how much has been sent by railway during the last three months of the year, but a return of the shipments from this port is before us, which we quote, contrasting with it the quantity of coal exported during the same months, viz.:

1860	23,827
June	17,464
July	16,440
August	21,648
Total	69,674

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