

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

State Inspector of Mineral Oils

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA.

TO THE GOVERNOR.

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STATE OF INDIANA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. }

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FRANK H. BLACKLEDGE,
Secretary.

Filed in my office, January 15, 1883.

E. R. HAWN,
Secretary of State.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR.

To His Excellency, ALBERT G. PORTER,
Governor of Indiana:

Inclosed I hand you my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1882, as authorized by an act of the last Legislature, passed April 11, 1881.

There has been a marked increase in the sale of coal oil over any previous year, as you will see by the report annexed.

It gives me pleasure to say that in not a single instance have I been able to trace any damage, either to property or person, in the use of the "Indiana legal test" oil for the past twelve months. Accidents have occurred in the use for heating purposes of gasoline, or the more volatile oils that the law prohibits the use of as an illuminator. I earnestly hope that the present Legislature may realize the necessity of prohibiting the sale or use of these liquids for any other than mechanical purposes.

I believe, in most parts, the law is a good one, and if strictly enforced will be the means of giving to the people a safe, and at the same time the most economical light that can be procured.

On next page I present a tabulated statement of oils inspected and fees collected during the past year:

AMOUNT OF OIL INSPECTED AND FEES COLLECTED.

BY WHOM INSPECTED.	WHERE INSPECTED.	Barrels Approved.	Barrels Rejected.	FEES.
State Inspector	Indianapolis	33,529	380	\$2,361 20
W. L. Halleck	Evansville	7,076		537 74
B. M. Willoughby	Vincennes	1,926	48	229 04
Col. J. T. McQuiddy	New Albany	5,921		426 55
S. F. Swayne	Fort Wayne	10,774		626 90
Thos. Bishop	Terre Haute	256	38	76 80
Jno. N. Lynch	Lafayette	1,933		174 58
R. E. Roc	Lafayette	3,947		376 87
State Inspector	Richmond	5,357		536 50
M. Fornoff	Logansport	5,067		648 48
J. W. H. McGuire	Wabash	2,428	44	277 90
Jas. H. State	Elkhart	8,290		888 88
Henry Weithoff	Cincinnati	7,105		737 20
Robert Fancher	Crown Point	600		180 00
L. A. Kirkwood	Muncie	368		48 15
Capt. L. Smithnight	Cleveland	7,766		801 18
W. L. Davis	Muncie	868		120 13
John Hof	Wiesburg			
Total		103,213	502	\$8,948 10

Traveling, apparatus, stationery and other expenses... \$24 63
 Paid to assistants..... 335 00

Total..... \$879 63

The law has been enforced throughout the State. Dealers seem inclined to yield a cheerful compliance with the statutes as enacted.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. SWAYNE,

State Inspector of Oils.

January 8, 1883.