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SHALE USED AS LOCOMOTIVE FUEL

SHALE-COAL MIXTURE SATISFACTORY -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 71, 24 Mar 50

Shale began to be used as fuel for locomotives of the Leningrad Railroad for the first time in 1949. The tens of thousands of tons of shale since consumed in locomotive fireboxes have made it possible to eliminate long-range transport of coal to Leningrad.

Recently, A. Vasil'yev, a lecturer at the Leningrad Institute of Railroad Transport, and Candidate in Technical Sciences, worked out a mixture of third-grade shale and lean coal for locomotives. This mixture is being utilized for the first time and is giving a satisfactory performance.

MECHANIZATION UPS SHALE OUTPUT -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 42, 17 Feb 50

Two years ago, shale was sorted by hand in the "Kiviyli" Shale Mine. At present, electric drills are operated at the mine faces. This has resulted in a 50-percent increase in the miners' labor productivity of the miners and a reduction in the production costs of shale.

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