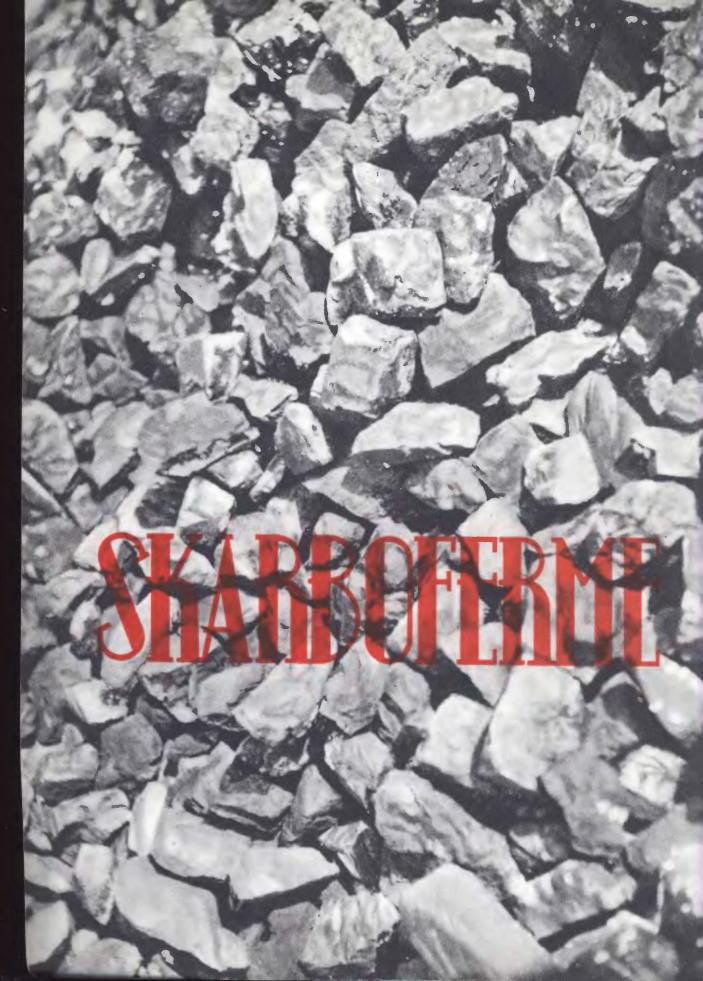


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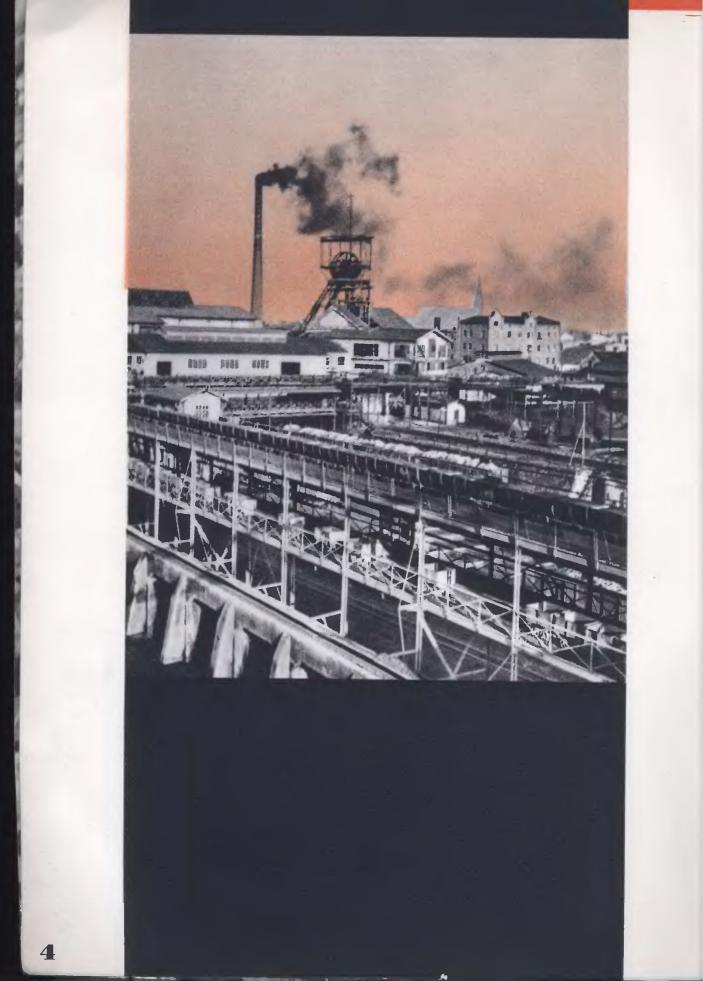
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# **SKARBOFERME**

The Polish State Mines – in brief Skarboferme – is a leaseholding Company with Polish French capital. Skarboferme was founded in the year 1922 with the aim of exploiting coal fields, situated in Polish Upper Silesia, and belonging to the Polish State. In these rich fields, at present being worked by Skarboferme, coal had been procured, and known for more than a hundred years, so that Skarboferme's biggest mine Król (King Mine) is one of the oldest in Upper Silesia and dates back about 150 years.



#### **COLLIERIES**

Skarboferme exploits the following collieries:

- a) PRESIDENT MOŚCICKI (KING EAST FIELD MINE) at Chorzów
- b) ST. BARBARA AND WYZWOLENIE (KING NORTH-WEST FIELD MINE) at Chorzów
- c) B I E L S Z O W I C E at Bielszowice
- d) KNURÓW-PETER & PAUL at Knurów
- e) K N U R Ó W F O C H at Knurów



#### INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS

Skarboferme besides coal mines, works the following industrial enterprises which aim at turning the coal procured into these refined coal products:

- a) a brickets factory at the King East Field Mine at Chorzów,
- b) coke furnaces at the Peter & Paul at Knurów,
- c) a factory for by-products from the coke furnaces at Knurów,
- d) a factory of synthetic ammonia at Knurów.



## SHARE IN THE PRODUCTION OF COAL AND COKE

Skarboferme is one of the largest producers of coal in Poland. Her share in the production of coal amounts to 11% of the coal produced in the whole of Poland. The average yearly production in the Skarboferme mines amounted to nearly four million tons, and capacity of production could be brought up to 8 million tons yearly. Skarboferme's production of coke amounted to an average of 350.000 tons yearly i. e. over 20% of the whole of Poland's production.



#### **IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED**

From the time Skarboferme took over the working of mines and factories — these have been improved and modernised to such an extent that at present they are considered the most up-todate mines and factories not only in Poland, but in Europe. Of the most important investments must be emphasised the rebuilding of the President Mościcki and Wyzwolenie — North Field Mines, next the rebuilding of the Knurów-Foch Coal Mine, which was the first mine in Poland having four-ton cars underground, the providing of the Bielszowice mine with a 4 ton Skip, the first pneumatic coal-washer in Poland installed at Bielszowice, also the building of the first synthetic ammonia factory in Poland — at Knurów.





CHIEF PRODUCERS OF COAL IN EUROPE OUTPUT OF COAL --- POLAND'S PLACE IS FIFTH, COAL IN STOCK --- POLAND'S PLACE IS THIRD, EVERY EIGHTH TRUCK OF COAL IN POLAND COMES FROM THE SKARBOFERME MINE.



#### **NEW MINES**

At the end of the year 1932 Skarboferme finished rebuilding and started the working of the President Mościcki Coal Mine giving possibility of a production of 8000 tons in two shifts. This mine provided with the newest extracting plant – the Skip system which allows of an extraction of ten tons at a time. In the year 1937 Skarboferme started working the Wyzwolenie Coal Mine<sup>6</sup> – King North Field, fitting it with the most up-to-date mining Plant.



#### **SKARBOFERME COAL**

The Skarboferme coal is of the highest grade of Silesian coal according to the classification of the Polish Coal Convention. Owing to the high quality and great variety of assortment, the Skarboferme Coal is known as a first rate industrial and heating coal. It is used in every branch of industry such as in many boilers of different types, many lime-kiln's cement factories, earthenware and china furnaces, gas works etc... It is widely used for house heating. The Skarboferme Coal as regards caloric value, ash contents, and volatile parts is most like English Yorkshire Coal.

| Mine        | Lower value<br>of heat<br>calories | Humidity<br>% | Volatile parts<br>% | Ashes<br>% | Character |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|
| King        | to 7,300                           | 57            | 31—34               | 3—8        | very hard |
| Bielszowice | to 7.600                           | 35            | 30—35               | 3—5        | hard      |
| Knurów      | to 7.500                           | 35            | 29-31               | 3—8        | hard      |

Characteristics of Skarboferme's Coal Orientation datas dependent on assortments.



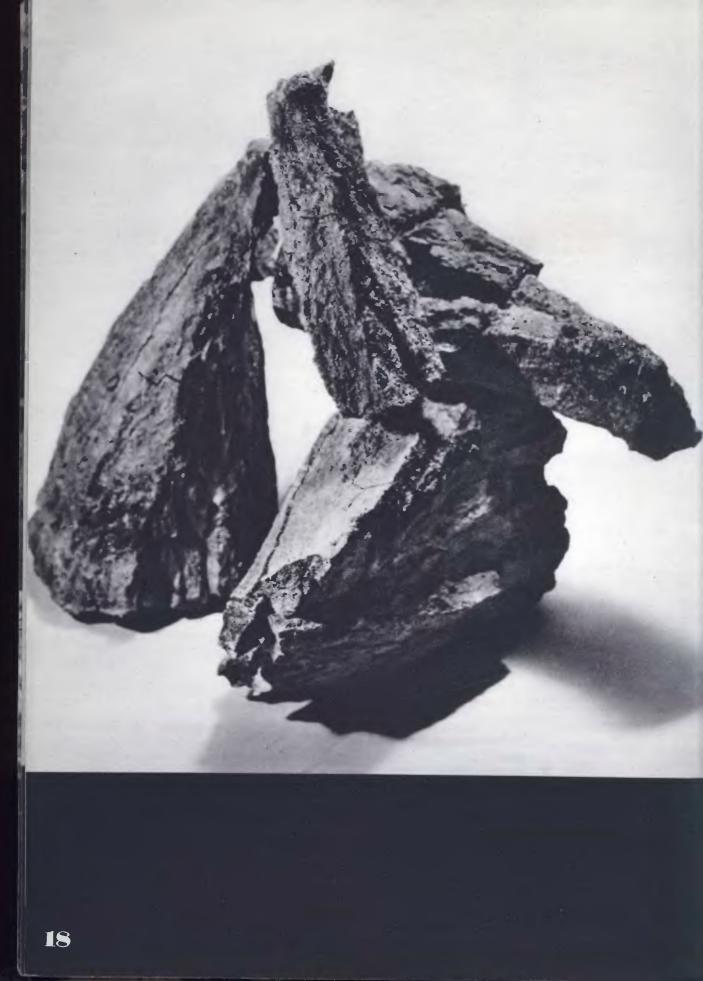


# SCREENING

Skarboferme pays special attention to the mechanical breakingup of coal with the aim of supplying it to customers in the purest condition, perfectly screened and graded into many varieties.

| Assortment                     | Large       | Cobbles |        | Nuts  |       |       | Peas           | Slack |      | Dust | Non<br>screened |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|------|------|-----------------|
| Mine                           | Coal        | I       | 11     | I     | la    | II    |                | I     | 11   |      | Non             |
| King Eas <del>t</del><br>Field | over<br>150 | 110–150 | 70–110 | 40-70 | _     | 20-40 | 10-20          | 0-70  |      | 0-10 |                 |
| King West<br>Field             | 110         | _       | 70–110 | 40-70 |       | 20-40 | 10-20          | 0-70  | 0-40 | 0–10 |                 |
| King North<br>Field            | 150         | 110–150 | 70–110 | 40-70 | _     | 20-40 | 10– <b>2</b> 0 | 0-70  | 0–40 | 0–10 |                 |
| Bielszowice                    | 120         | 90–120  | 7090   | 50-70 | 35–50 | 20-35 | 10– <b>2</b> 0 | 070   | 0–35 | 0–10 |                 |
| Knurów                         | 110         | _       | _      | 30–70 |       | 20-30 | 10–20          | 0-70  | 0-30 | 0–10 |                 |

#### Sizes of coal Assortments in mm.

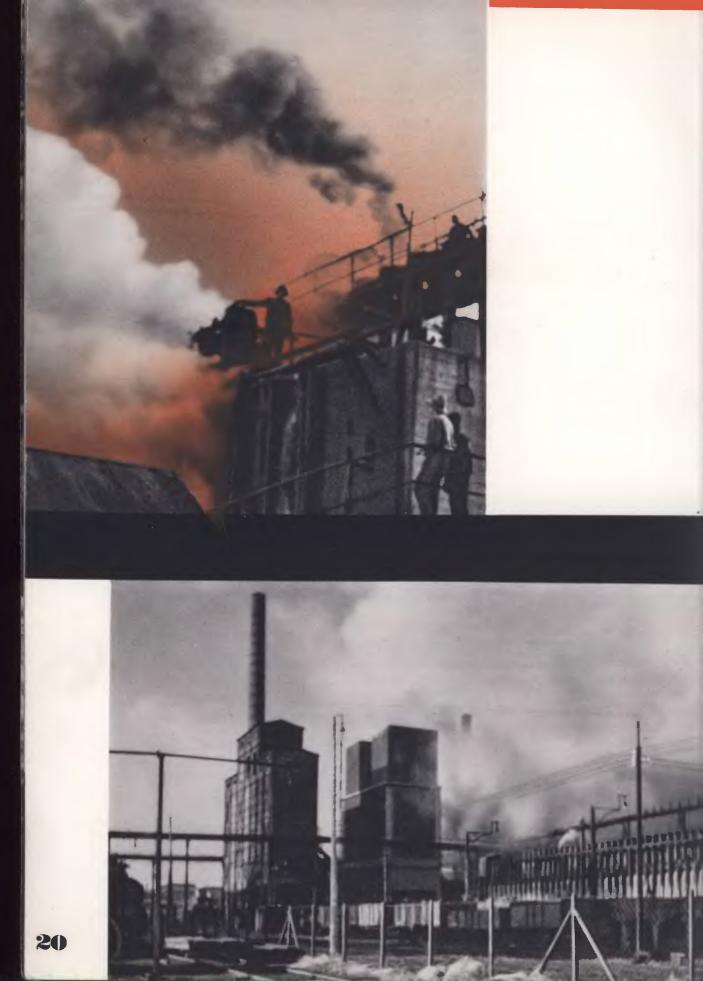


#### **GAS COAL AND COKE**

The Knurów Mine supplies coking-coal, which is largely used in the production of coke in her own furnaces, as well as in many gas-works in Poland and abroad for lighting-gas and coke productions. The Skarboferme Coke, of first rate quality is used in large smelting furnaces, in foundries, in different branches of industry, as well as for house-heating.

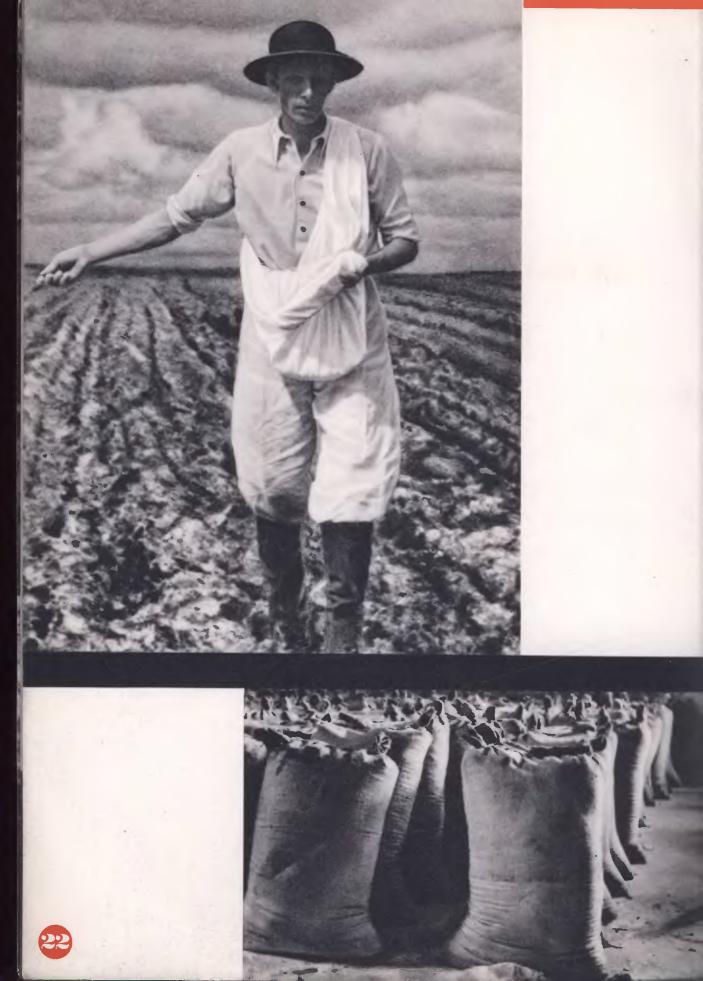
| СО  | K E                   |
|---|-----------------------|
| Assortments:  | Characteristics:      |
| large over 80 mm  | data for orientation  |
| cobbles 1 60-80 ,,  | large coke assortment |
| cobbles II .40-60 ,,   nuts I .25-40 ,,   nuts II .6-25 ,,   peas  6-16 ,,   grains  0-6 ,, | humidity              |





# THE COKE FURNACES AT KNURÓW

Skarboferme works large coke furnaces as well as chemical works at Knurów, near the mine of the same name. The coke furnaces consist of four batteries and have altogether 228 chambers. It has been in recent years completely rebuilt and fitted up with the most up-to-date mechanical contivances. Among other things there has been built a special tower for the rational extinction of smouldering coke, thanks to which the moisture in the Skarboferme coke has been considerably lowered. The cok furnaces have two new screening plants, making it possible to produce pure coke of very even grain in different assortments. By-products - obtained in the making of coke - such as benzol and raw tar - are sent for further treatment to Związek Koksowni Sp. z o. o. - the Union of Coke Furnaces Ltd at Katowice, and are sold directly through this Company.



## **AZOTE PRODUCTS**

Since the year 1927 Skarboferme has been working a large synthetic ammonia factory. The manufactured ammonia is then made up and sold as sulphate of ammonia and liquid ammonia. The sulphate of ammonia is of excellent quality, produced as a white dry, neutralized salt, containing 21% of azote. The yearly production of ammonia amounts to over 4.000 tons and the sulphate of ammonia to about 18.000 tons. Very much sulphate of ammonia is sold abroad.





#### SKARBOFERME'S OWN RELOADING PLANT IN GDYNIA

Skarboferme owns in the port of Gdynia special machinery for the direct loading of coal from truck to ship. The reloading plant is the newest arrangement not only at Gdynia, but along the whole Baltic. It is fitted with dump-cars with belt-conveyor which brings the coal direct to the hold of the ship, thus preventing the crushing of the coal. The capacity of the loading contrivance amounts to 600 tons per hour. Business connected with reloading of coal is managed by Skarbopol Ltd at Gdynia – a company especially formed for this purpose. Skarboferme owns besides a bunker ship which allows of ships in the open sea being supplied with coal.



# **FOREIGN MARKETS**

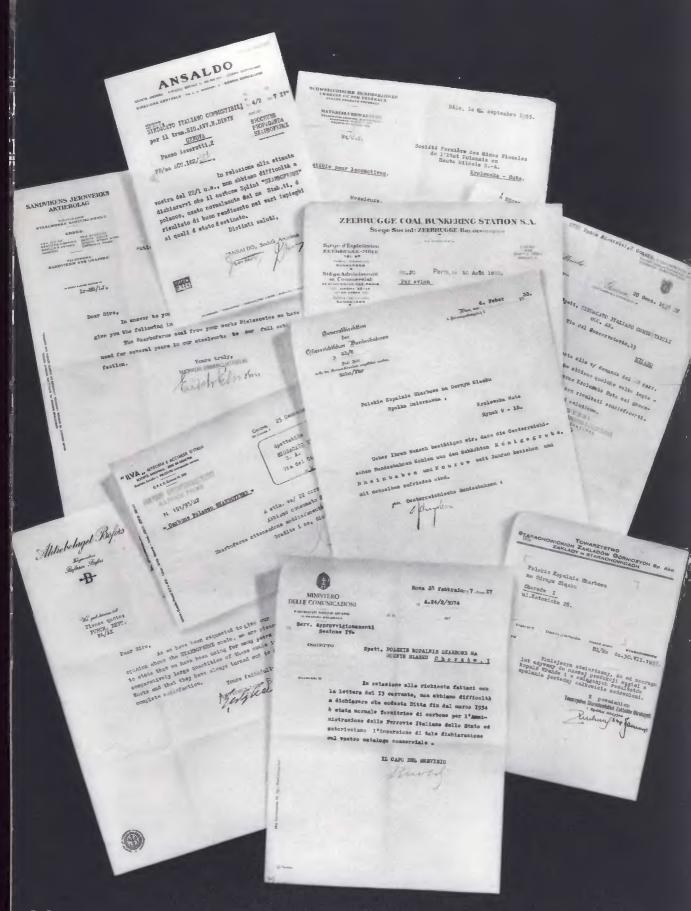
The Skarboferme coal and coke has gained much popularity in the foreign markets and is exported to over 22 European countries, besides to several States in Africa, South America, Asia Minor, and the Far East. Over 50% Skarboferme's coal output is sent abroad and is, as regards productions, the

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greatest exporter in Poland. Skarboferme is besides this the largest supplier of bunker coal – i. e. coal used as fuel in steamships. The Skarboferme bunker coal is supplied to the biggest steamship lines of the world and reaches even the Far East – to China and Australia.

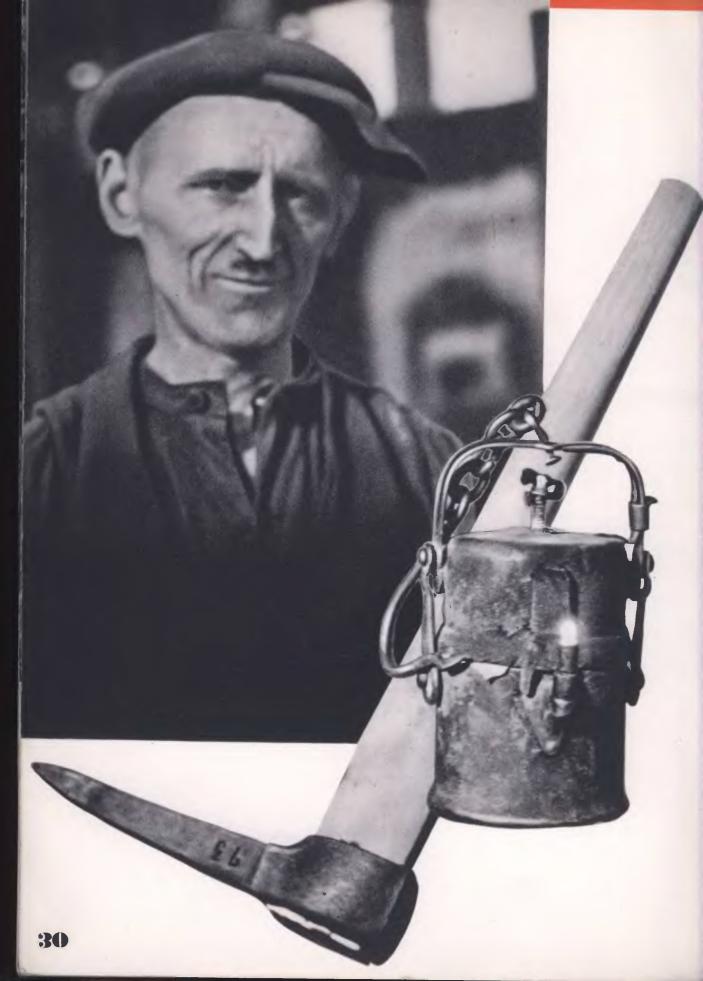




#### **IMPORTANT CUSTOMERS**

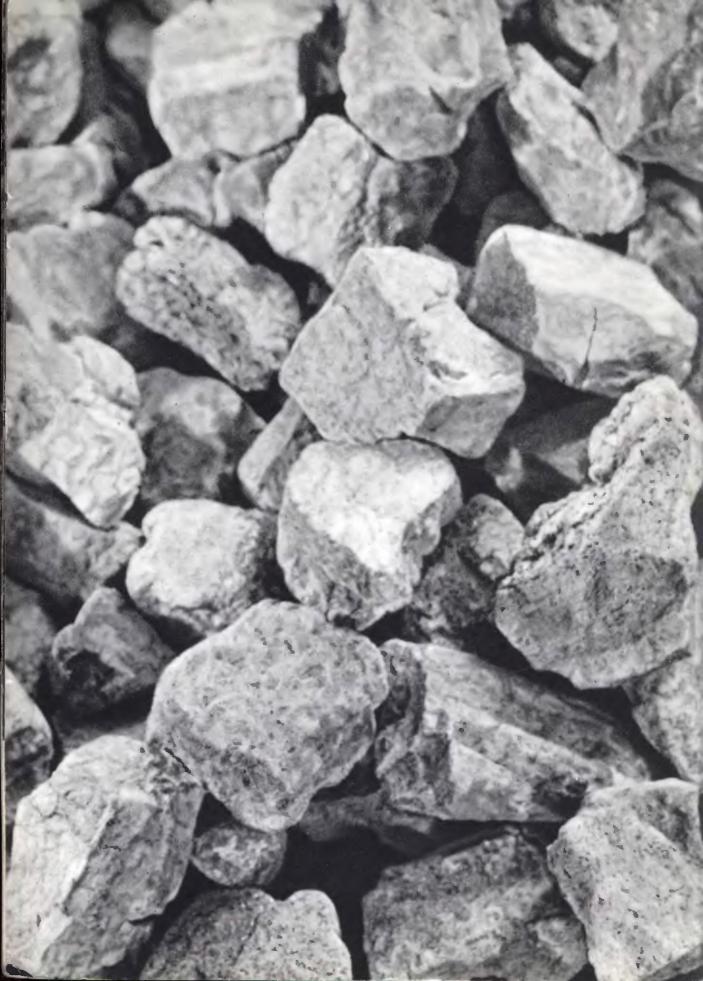
Among Skarboferme's best customers at home, as well as abroad, are the State railways of Poland, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Norway, Finland and Latvia. Great Central Electric Works in Belgium, Holland, Greece and the Argentine. Besides Skarboferme has supplied her coal for very many years past to the great metallurgic enterprises, as well as to several sugar factories, cement factories, lime kilns, and to very many other industries at home and abroad. Skarboferme's coal is recognised and valued among all customers of Polish coal and continuous development of its sales gives best testimony of its value.





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