4 Louis A. Peterson states that on September 18th, 1917, he has put in five years as operator of the Great Northern coal shute at this point. In that time about 2000 cars of coal have been unloaded. If all these cars could be placed end to end on 1 the track it would make a string of cars a little over fifteen miles in length. In those five years he has unloaded 80,000 tons of coal valued at-well, it's all gone up in smoke.