a heat balance when required in testing of heating devices. Typical ultimate analyses of the various kinds of coal are shown in Table 1.[2]

Other important qualities of coals are the screen sizes, ash fusion temperature, friability, caking tendency, and the qualities of the volatile matter. In considering these factors the following points are of interest. The volatile products given off by coals when they are heated differ materially in the ratios by weight of the gases to the oils and tars. No heavy oils or tars are given off by anthracite, and very small quantities are given off by semi-anthracite. As the volatile matter in the coal increases to as much as 40 percent of ash and moisture-free coal, increasing amounts of oils and tars are released. For coals of higher volatile content, the relative quantity of oils and tars decreases and is therefore low in the sub-bituminous

TABLE 1. TYPICAL ULTIMATE ANALYSES FOR COALS

Rank	Btu per Lb		Constituents, Per Cent						
	Moist, Mineral-matter-free[a]	Moist, as Received	Oxygen	Hydrogen	Carbon	Nitrogen	Sulfur	Ash	$\frac{O+}{H+C}$
Anthracite	14,600	12,910	5.0	2.9	80.0	0.9	0.7	10.5	87.9
Semi-Anthracite	15,200	13,770	5.0	3.9	80.4	1.1	1.1	8.5	89.3
Low-Volatile Bituminous	15,350	14,340	5.0	4.7	81.7	1.4	1.2	6.0	91.4
Medium-Volatile Bituminous	15,200	13,840	5.0	5.0	79.0	1.4	1.5	8.1	89.0
High-Volatile Bituminous *A*	14,500	13,090	9.2	5.3	73.2	1.5	2.0	8.8	87.7
High-Volatile Bituminous *B*	13,500	12,130	13.8	5.5	68.0	1.4	2.1	9.2	87.3
High-Volatile Bituminous *C*	12,000	10,750	21.0	5.8	60.6	1.1	2.1	9.4	87.4
Sub Bituminous *A*									
Sub Bituminous *B*	10,250	9,150	29.5	6.2	52.5	1.0	1.0	9.8	88.2
Sub Bituminous *C*	9,000	8,940	35.8	6.5	46.7	0.8	0.6	9.6	89.0
Lignite	7,500	6,900	44.0	6.9	40.1	0.7	1.0	7.3	91.0

[a] (Btu as received) × 100 ÷ (100 − 1.1 Ash)

coals and in lignite. The percentage of ash and its fusion temperature do not indicate the composition or distribution of its constituents.

Classification of Coals

A classification of coals is given in Table 2, and a brief description of the kinds of fuel is given in the following paragraphs, but it should be recognized that there are no distinct lines of demarcation between the kinds, and that they graduate into each other.

Anthracite is a clean, dense, hard coal which creates little dust in handling. It is comparatively hard to ignite, but it burns freely when well started. It is non-caking; it burns uniformly and smokelessly with a short flame, and it requires no attention to the fuel bed between firings. It is capable of giving a high efficiency in the common types of hand-fired furnaces. A tabulation of the quality of the various anthracite sizes will be found in a Bureau of Mines Report.[3] Standard anthracite sizing specifications are shown in Table 3.

Semi-anthracite has a higher volatile content than anthracite. It is not so hard and ignites somewhat more easily. Otherwise their properties are similar.

Semi-bituminous coal is soft and friable, and fines and dust are created by handling it. It ignites somewhat slowly and burns with a medium length of flame. Its caking properties increase as the volatile matter increases, but the coke formed is relatively weak. Having only half the volatile matter content of the bituminous coals, it can be burned with less production of smoke, and is sometimes called a *smokeless coal*.

The term *bituminous coal* covers a large range of coals and includes many types having distinctly different composition, properties, and burning characteristics. The coals range from the high-grade bituminous coals of the East to the poorer coals of the West. Their caking properties range from coals which melt completely, to those from which the volatiles and tars are distilled without change of form, so that they are classed as non-caking or free-burning. Most bituminous coals are strong

TABLE 2. CLASSIFICATION OF COALS BY RANK[a]

Legend: F.C. = Fixed Carbon. V.M. = Volatile Matter. Btu = British thermal units.

Class	Group	Limits of Fixed Carbon or Btu Mineral-Matter-Free Basis	Requisite Physical Properties
I. Anthracite	1. Meta-anthracite	Dry F.C., 98 per cent or more (Dry V.M., 2 per cent or less)	Non-agglomerating
	2. Anthracite	Dry F.C., 92 per cent or more and less than 98 per cent (Dry V.M., 8 per cent or less and more than 2 per cent)	
	3. Semi-anthracite	Dry F.C., 86 per cent or more and less than 92 per cent (Dry V.M., 14 per cent or less and more than 8 per cent)	
II. Bituminous[d]	1. Low volatile bituminous coal	Dry F.C., 78 per cent or more and less than 86 per cent (Dry V.M., 22 per cent or less and more than 14 per cent)	Either agglomerating[b] or non-weathering[f]
	2. *Medium* volatile bituminous coal	Dry F.C., 69 per cent or more and less than 78 per cent (Dry V.M., 31 per cent or less and more than 22 per cent)	
	3. *High* volatile *A* bituminous coal	Dry F.C., less than 69 per cent (Dry V.M., more than 31 per cent); and moist[c] Btu, 14,000[e] or more	
	4. High volatile *B* bituminous coal	Moist[c] Btu, 13,000 or more and less than 14,000[e]	
	5. High volatile *C* bituminous Coal	Moist Btu, 11,000 or more and less than 13,000[e]	
III Sub-bituminous	1. Sub-bituminous *A* coal	Moist Btu, 11,000 or more and less than 13,000[e]	Both weathering and non-agglomerating[b]
	2. Sub-bituminous *B* coal	Moist Btu, 9500 or more and less than 11,000[e]	
	3. Sub-bituminous *C* coal	Moist Btu, 8300 or more and less than 9500[e]	
IV. Lignitic	1. Lignite	Moist Btu less than 8300	Consolidated
	2. Brown coal	Moist Btu less than 8300	Unconsolidated

[a] This classification does not include a few coals which have unusual physical and chemical properties and which come within the limits of fixed carbon or Btu of the high-volatile bituminous and sub-bituminous ranks. All of these coals either contain less than 48 percent dry, mineral-matter-free fixed carbon, or have more than 15,500 moist, mineral-matter-free Btu.

[b] If agglomerating, classify in low-volatile group of the bituminous class.

[c] Moist Btu refers to coal containing its natural bed moisture but not including visible water on the surface of the coal.

[d] It is recognized that there may be non-caking varieties in each group of the bituminous class.

[e] Coals having 69 percent or more fixed carbon on the dry, mineral-matter-free basis shall be classified according to fixed carbon, regardless of Btu.

[f] There are three varieties of coal in the high-volatile *C* bituminous coal group, namely, Variety 1, agglomerating and non-weathering; Variety 2, agglomerating and weathering; Variety 3, non-agglomerating and non-weathering.

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and non-friable enough to permit the screened sizes being delivered free from fines. In general, they ignite easily and burn freely; the length of flame varies with different coals, but it is long. Much smoke and soot are possible, if improperly fired, especially at low rates of burning.

Sub-bituminous coals occur in the western states; they are high in moisture when mined and tend to break up as they dry or when exposed to the weather; they are liable to ignite spontaneously when piled or stored. They ignite easily and quickly, and have a medium length flame; are non-caking and free-burning; the lumps tend to break into small pieces if poked; very little smoke and soot are formed.

Lignite is of woody structure, very high in moisture as mined, and of low heating