

Housing

Glencraig

This is also [a village] of recent growth, but there are no washhouses or water-closets to the houses belonging to the Wilsons and Clyde Coal Company, Limited. There are ash-pits and dry-privies erected on the ground used for drying clothes. The same objection applies to these as in the other cases. The roads and footpaths in wet weather are bad. [Evidence presented to Royal Commission, 13th October 1913 by Michael Lee]

Lochore

This also is, for the most part, of recent growth, but there are about 140 old houses with no drainage. They have dry-closets and ash-pits. Some of the houses have no coal cellars - at Milton and Flockhouse. Complaints in regard to neglect of repairs is general. Owing to the scarcity of houses, there are complaints of overcrowding, a family often occupying a room each in a two-roomed house. The roads and lighting are far from satisfactory. Some of the houses are below the level of the road. [Evidence presented to Royal Commission, 13th October 1913 by Michael Lee]

Examples of Houses Built by Coal Companies



Waverley St, Lochore. Built 1909 by Fife Coal Co Ltd. 16 houses of 3 apartments and 32 houses of 2 apartments with sculleries & WC. [1926 description]



Montrose Cres, Lochore. Built by Fife Coal Co Ltd in 1924 to 1925. 102 houses with 3 rooms, bathroom, WC, hot and cold water, larder and scullery with copper. [1926 description]