

LESSON -5

COAL AND PETROLEUM

KNOW YOUR SCIENTIST:

EDWIN LAURENTINE DRAKE (1819-1880) The petroleum industry was born when he first drilled a successful oil well at Pennsylvania in USA in 1859. Initially the wells that he dug kept getting filled with water. Then he had a bright idea .He bought some pipes made of cast iron. Each one was 10 feet long. He joined the sections together and drove the pipe 32 feet into the ground .This way water could not seep into the oil.

