

				Date of Inspection.		Output for past Year in Tons.	
<i>Malvern Hills—</i>							
1.	Canterbury Colliery	...	...	1st November, 1877	...	...	1,000
2.	Wallsend "	...	...	3rd February, 1878	...	...	1,462
3.	Springfield "	...	...	26th October, 1877	...	...	1,435
4.	Stevenson "	...	...	19th October, 1877	...	...	...
5.	Homebush "	...	...	13th October, 1877	...	...	2,235
<i>Oamaru District—</i>							
6.	St. Andrew's Colliery	...	...	10th November, 1877	...	...	50
7.	Prince Alfred "	...	...	14th November, 1877	...	...	2,045
8.	Awamoko "	...	...	16th November, 1877	...	...	400
<i>Otago Coal Fields—</i>							
9.	Real Mackay Colliery	...	...	11th and 22nd January, 1878	...	...	306
10.	Bruce "	...	...	11th and 19th January, 1878	...	...	1,583
11.	No. 1 Kaitangata Colliery	...	...	10th December, 1877, and 9th January, 1878	...	...	1,872
12.	Kaitangata Coal Mining Company	...	...	5th December, 1877, and 9th January, 1878	...	...	10,477
13.	Shag Point Colliery	...	...	27th November, 1877	...	...	2,622
14.	Otago "	...	...	June, 1877	...	...	2,941
15.	Freeman's "	...	...	June, 1877, and 7th January, 1878	...	...	5,006
16.	Walton Park "	...	...	June, 1877, and 7th January, 1878	...	...	16,000
17.	Samson's "	...	...	June, 1877, and 7th January, 1878	...	...	8,000
18.	Saddle Hill "	...	...	June, 1877, and 8th January, 1878	...	...	4,000
19.	Lawrence "	...	...	3rd June, 1878	...	...	1,351
<i>Greymouth District—</i>							
20.	Wallsend Colliery	...	...	25th February, 1878	...	...	440
21.	Coal-Pit Heath Colliery	...	...	20th February, 1878	...	...	6,138
22.	Brunner "	...	...	22nd February, 1878	...	...	21,974
<i>Reefton District—</i>							
23.	Energetic Colliery	...	...	15th March, 1878	...	...	500
<i>Buller District—</i>							
24.	Wellington Colliery	...	...	2nd March, 1878	...	...	948
<i>Collingwood District—</i>							
25.	Parapara Colliery	...	...	31st March, 1878. Closed...	...	...	...
<i>Auckland District—</i>							
26.	Miranda Colliery	...	...	January, 1877	...	...	600
27.	Rahuipokeka "	...	...	February, 1877	...	...	...
28.	Kupakupa "	...	...	February, 1877	...	...	5,200
29.	Taupiri "	...	...	(Not yet visited)	...	...	600
<i>Whangarei—</i>							
30.	Whauwhau Colliery	...	...	10th March, 1877	...	(estimate)	2,000
31.	Kamo "	...	...	March, 1877	...	...	1,200
<i>Bay of Islands—</i>							
32.	Kawakawa Colliery	...	...	April, 1877	...	...	36,599
Total Output for Colony				...	...	...	138,984

For the output of coal from mines which have not been inspected during the past year I am indebted to the directors and managers. The most notable feature in the development of the coal fields during the past year is the great increase in the consumption of the Kawakawa coal, owing mainly to the circumstance that the Union Shipping Company have adopted it for their coastal steamers, and report most favourably of its utility as a steam coal.

The total quantity of coal imported during the past year is, from the attached return—

						Tons.
New South Wales	...	...	...	...	...	149,266
Other sources	...	...	...	...	...	6,730
						155,996

It thus appears that the total consumption of coal in the colony during the past year has been 294,980 tons, of which 138,984 tons are derived from our own mines at present.

A schedule of analyses of the coals from the various mines is appended.

The Hon the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

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