No. 8.

Table showing the Different Classes of Coal from the Mines in the Colony.

| Name of Coal. | | | | Output | of Coal. | Plus or Minus. | Increase or Decrease. | Approximate Total Output of Coal | |
|---|----------|----|---------|--|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| | | | | 1890. | 1891. | | | up to the 31st December, 1891 | |
| Bituminous Pitch Brown Lignite | | •• | •• | Tons. 323,712 124,593 171,725 17,367 | Tons. 387,839 96,979 161,904 22,072 | + - + | 64,127 27,614 9,821 4,705 | 3,581,749 1,112,965 2,275,364 211,908 | |
| Totals | | •• | 637,397 | 668,794 | + | 31,397 | 7,131,986 | | |

Note.—The approximate total output up to 31st December, 1891, for lignite includes 6,518 tons omitted from last statement.

No. 9.

Table showing the Number of Coal-mines in Operation, the Number of Men employed, and the Output of Coal per Man.

| Number of Mines working. | Number of Miners employed in each Mine. | Total Number of Men employed. | Output of Coal during 1891. | Average Output per Man. | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 96 15 6 16 | 1 to 4 men in each 5 to 10 " | 196 107 95 1,295 | Tons. 49,416 30,587 22,141 566,650 | Tons. 252 285 233 437 | |
| 133 | | 1,693 | 668,794 | 395 | |

No. 10.

Return showing the Quantity and Value of Coal imported into and exported from New Zealand during the Year ended the 31st December, 1891.

| Imported. | | | | Exported. | | | |
|---|----------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Countries whence in | mported. | Quantity. | Value. | Countries to which exported. | Quantity. | Value. | |
| United Kingdom . Victoria New South Wales . Queensland . | · · · · | Tons. 962 1,246 120,775 2,335 | £ 1,030 1,304 116,320 1,768 | Victoria | Tons. 70,371 157 8,952 70 7,701 89 19 74 3,421 2 407 8,201 | £ 78,050 102 8,269 81 3,360 45 22 80 2,602 2,509 7,536 | |
| Totals . | | 125,318 | 120,422 | Totals | . 99,464 | 100,658 | |

Note.—Foreign Coal: Included in exportation to—United Kingdom, 1,500 tons, value £2,023; New South Wales, 2,676 tons, value £3,347; Queensland, 35 tons, value £44; Norfolk Island, 1 ton, value £1; Fiji Islands, 212 tons, value £212; United States of America, East Coast, 1 ton, value £1; Chili, 407 tons, value £509; South Sea Islands, 2,968 tons, value £3,348. The remainder is New Zealand produce.

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