

The following is a table showing the output of coal from the various coalfields, and the comparative increase and decrease, for the years 1942 and 1941, together with the total approximate quantity of coal produced since the mines were opened :—

Name of Coalfield.	Output.		Increase.	Decrease.	Approximate Total Output up to 31st December, 1942.
	1942.	1941.			
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
North Auckland	75,123	80,367	..	5,244	6,207,436
Waikato (including Taranaki) ..	855,511	837,629	17,882	..	20,151,897
Nelson	12,266	14,360	..	2,094	726,937
Buller	518,484	519,095	..	611	27,479,374
Reefton	88,197	72,030	16,167	..	1,343,741
Grey	572,382	570,610	1,772	..	19,917,028
Canterbury	31,667	27,898	3,769	..	1,231,271
Otago	180,046	184,646	..	4,600	14,526,289
Southland	346,365	332,872	13,493	..	9,071,743
Totals	2,680,041*	2,639,507	53,083	12,549	100,655,716

* Increase, 40,534 tons.

The output of the several classes of coal mined in each inspection district is summarized as follows :—

Class of Coal.	Output of Coal during 1942.				Total Output to the End of 1942.
	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Total.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and sub-bituminous	75,123	1,099,602	..	1,174,725	56,327,892
Brown	855,511	91,116	282,644	1,229,271	38,239,247
Lignite	..	611	275,434	276,045	6,088,577
Totals for 1942 ..	930,634	1,191,329	558,078	2,680,041	100,655,716
Totals for 1941 ..	917,996	1,176,095	545,416	2,639,507	97,975,675

TABLE SHOWING THE INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF COAL AND OIL SHALE IN THE DOMINION, AND THE QUANTITY OF COAL IMPORTED SINCE 1878.

Year.	Coal and Shale raised in the Dominion.		Coal imported.		
	Tons.	Yearly Increase or Decrease.	Tons.	Increase over Preceding Year.	Decrease below Preceding Year.
Prior to 1938 ..	88,255,342	..	13,699,695	..	..
1938	2,222,088	Dec. 55,711	109,206	..	7,293
1939	2,342,639	Inc. 120,551	111,537	2,331	..
1940	2,516,099	Inc. 173,460	64,860.	..	46,677
1941	2,639,507	Inc. 123,408	78,171	13,311	..
1942	2,680,041	Inc. 40,534	90,865*	12,694	..

* From Australia; value, £122,035.

TABLE SHOWING QUANTITY OF COAL EXPORTED ANNUALLY FROM NEW ZEALAND FROM 1938 TO 1942.

Year.	Quantity. Tons.	Year.	Quantity. Tons.
1938	55,711	1941	58,179
1939	43,990	1942	54,700*
1940	81,287		

* Includes 54,694 tons bunkers, value £120,677, and 6 tons cargo, value £35.