

1944
NEW ZEALAND

MINES STATEMENT

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MR. SPEAKER,—

I have the honour to present to Parliament the annual statement on the mining industry of the Dominion for the year ended 31st December, 1943.

MINERAL PRODUCTION

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metalliferous mines, stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act, and of coal-mines during 1943 and 1942 :—

Mineral.	1943.		1942.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Gold and silver*	429,936 oz.	1,567,614	477,346 oz.	1,727,150
Platinum	5 „	47	21 „	189
Arsenic	8 tons	119	8 tons	126
Asbestos	187 „	3,985	43 „	1,035
Bentonite	232 „	1,015	500 „	2,134
Clays†	2,523 „	3,631	2,337 „	2,376
Coal	2,787,868 „	2,787,868	2,680,041 „	2,680,041
Diatomaceous earth	128 „	250	418 „	585
Dolomite	3,571 „	1,098	3,361 „	1,260
Fuller's earth	124 „	437	138 „	434
Iron-ore	4,988 „	9,026	2,433 „	6,576
Magnesite	171 „	154	..	..
Manganese-ore	510 „	2,166	321 „	1,694
Phosphate	9,241 „	14,340	..	..
Pumice	3,422 „	12,485	3,085 „	11,673
Quartzite	..	..	95 „	370
Serpentine	61,645 „	50,637	31,248 „	26,038
Silica sand	19,747 „	41,126	1,875 „	2,367
Stone	..	563,403	..	538,599
Talc	62 „	202	15 „	45
Tungsten-ore	110 „	52,215	67 „	32,309
Quicksilver	7,068 lb.	7,192	11,402 lb.	11,110
Totals	..	5,119,010	..	5,046,111

* The gold-silver bullion is generally exported unseparated.

† Other than for brickmaking.

NOTE.—The values shown in the above and subsequent tables are expressed in New Zealand currency.