

The DISTRICT MANAGER, State Coal-mines, Ngakawau, to the UNDER-SECRETARY,
Mines Department, Wellington

SIR,—

16th May, 1946.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Stockton State Colliery for the year ended 31st March, 1946.

Output.—The gross output for the year from the Fly Creek and D Hill Mines and the E Hill Opencast was 215,221 tons 4 cwt. 2 qr., an increase of 106,267 tons 9 cwt. 1 qr. when compared with the figures of the previous period—*i.e.*, 1st July, 1944, to 31st March, 1945. The gross output from the individual mines were as follows:—

					Tons	cwt.	qr.
Fly Creek Mine	..	..	..	..	57,109	15	0
D Hill Mine	..	..	..	..	38,418	16	0
E Hill Opencast	..	..	..	..	119,692	13	2
					215,221	4	2

After allowing for waste (311 tons 4 cwt. 2 qr.), coal used on works (6,450 tons), and excess in bin stocks (1,500 tons), there remained for disposal a net output of 209,960 tons.

Taking into account the stocks at the beginning and end of the year, the following statement shows details of the coal disposed of during the year:—

1st April, 1945—		Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Stock on wharf	..	..	965	7	0		
Stock in bins and yard	..	..	890	0	0		
					1,855	7	0
Add net output for year and bin surplus	..	..	209,960	0	0		
					211,815	7	0
31st March, 1946—							
Less stock in bin and yard	..	..	1,252	4	3		
Less stock on wharf	..	..	2,181	18	0		
					3,434	2	3
Total disposed of..	..	..	..	..	208,381	4	1

The gross output from the collieries since their acquisition by the State is 324,174 tons 19 cwt. 3 qr.

Days worked.—Fly Creek Mine worked 226 days out of a possible 242 days. In addition, the mine worked 12 back Saturdays, 5 statutory holidays, and 10 days during the Christmas holidays, making a total of 253 days worked. The difference between the ordinary days worked and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: 2 days, VE holidays; 2 days, VJ holidays; 3 days, disputes; 2 days, power failure; 5.5 days, fall Ngakawau Tunnel; 1 day, funeral of ex-employee; 0.5 days, fatal accident; total, 16 days.

D Hill Mine worked 226½ days out of a possible 242 working-days. In addition, the mine worked 12 back Saturdays, 5 statutory holidays, and 10 days during the Christmas holidays, making a total of 253½ days worked. The difference between the ordinary days worked and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: 2 days, VE holidays; 2 days, VJ holidays; 3 days, disputes; 2 days, power failure; 5 days, fall in Ngakawau Tunnel; 1 day, funeral of ex-employee; 0.5 day, fatal accident; total, 15.5 days.

E Hill Opencast Mine worked 228½ days out of a possible 242 working-days. In addition, the mine worked 18 back Saturdays, 5 statutory holidays, and 10 days during the Christmas holidays, making a total of 261½ days worked. The difference between