

The following is a table showing the output of coal from the various coalfields, and the comparative increase and decrease, for the years 1945 and 1944, 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, 1945.
	1945.	1944.			
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
North Auckland	89,525	85,390	4,135	..	6,464,179
Waikato (including Taranaki) ..	957,419	951,424	5,995	..	23,000,715
Nelson	7,805	8,146	..	341	751,523
Buller	540,782	463,874	76,908	..	28,962,469
Reefton	122,622	126,582	..	3,960	1,692,118
Grey	497,982	540,211	..	42,229	21,534,176
Canterbury	37,007	38,587	..	1,580	1,339,194
Otago	200,330	206,343	..	6,013	15,127,774
Southland	380,104	385,413	..	5,309	10,210,982
Totals	2,833,576	2,805,970	87,038	59,432	109,083,130

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

Class of Coal.	Output of Coal during 1945.				Total Output to the End of 1945.
	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Total.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Anthracite	..	..	2,531	2,531	13,054
Bituminous	..	962,215	..	962,215	59,497,111
Sub-bituminous	1,046,944	148,163	428,229	1,623,336	43,037,782
Lignite	..	58,813	186,681	245,494	6,535,183
Totals for 1945	1,046,944	1,169,191	617,441	2,833,576	109,083,130
Totals for 1944	1,036,814	1,138,813	630,343	2,805,970	106,249,554

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 1940	92,820,069	..	13,920,438	..	..
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	..
1943	2,787,868	Inc. 107,827	37,454	..	53,411
1944	2,805,970	Inc. 18,102	..	..	37,454
1945	2,833,576	Inc. 27,606	..	..	..