

A comparative statement of outputs for the last two financial years is shown hereunder :—

Mines	Output, 1945-46.		Output, 1944-45.		Percentage Increase in Gross Output.	Percentage Increase in Net Output.
	Gross.	Net.	Gross.	Net.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.		
Liverpool	122,108	117,430	121,728	116,670	+0.31	+4.65
Strongman	100,275	98,420	107,114	105,589	+6.38	+6.79
James (a)	39	39	7,057	7,057	..	..
Blackball	61,424	59,286	57,836	56,815	+6.20	+4.35
Mangapehi	58,112	56,014	60,930	59,040	+4.62	+5.12
Tatu	32,573	30,979	31,409	27,426	+3.71	+12.95
WallSEND	47,233	45,028	57,505	54,688	+17.86	+17.66
Dobson	54,580	53,047	61,461	60,373	+11.20	+12.13
Stockton (b)	215,221	208,460	108,353	103,591	..	..
Mossbank (c)	24,128	22,725	11,819	9,664	..	..
Wilton (d)	88,653	83,651	33,634	32,014	..	..
Wairaki (e)	68,425	63,343	12,836	11,385	..	..
Glen Afton Opencast	14,394	14,394	12,029	12,029	+19.66	+19.66
Kimihia Opencast	32,398	32,398	47,871	47,871	+32.32	+32.32
Beehive Opencast	..	..	4,009	4,009	..	..
Kemp's Opencast (f)	38,097	38,097	6,874	6,874	..	..
Ohai Opencast (g)	35,492	35,492	704	704	..	..
Waitewhena Opencast	23,198	23,198	18,884	18,884	+22.84	+22.84
Wangaloa Opencast	8,587	8,587	..	..	..	..
Totals	1,024,937	990,588	762,653	734,683	..	..

(a) James Colliery ceased operations on 23rd July, 1943. Slack raised from dump. (b) Stockton Mine purchased 1st July, 1944. (c) Mossbank Mine purchased 30th October, 1944. (d) Wilton Mine purchased 20th October, 1944. (e) Wairaki Mine purchased 27th January, 1945. (f) Kemp's commenced production 22nd December, 1944. (g) Ohai Opencast purchased 27th January, 1945.

NOTE.—The difference between the gross and net output is accounted for by waste and mine consumption.

The following table shows the total sale of State coal from the State mines as compared with the previous year and the average f.o.r. price realized by each mine exclusive of subsidy :—

Mines	Total Sales.		Percentage Variation.	Average Price f.o.r. realized.	
	1945-46.	1944-45.		s.	d.
	Tons.	Tons.			
Liverpool	115,487	114,675	+0.71	19	5.85
Strongman	99,663	106,071	+6.04	24	3.04
James	39	7,057	+99.44	7	10.08
Blackball	58,663	55,850	+5.04	17	3.55
Mangapehi	56,012	59,068	+5.17	20	1.22
Tatu	31,026	27,301	+13.64	22	3.16
WallSEND	46,756	52,879	+11.58	22	0.00
Dobson	52,943	59,343	+10.78	23	10.94
Stockton	210,623	98,567	..	20	9.52
Mossbank	22,713	9,655	..	20	6.28
Wilton	83,479	32,011	..	20	5.92
Wairaki	63,283	11,385	..	21	5.81
Glen Afton Opencast	14,394	12,029	+19.66	23	0.85
Kimihia Opencast	32,398	47,871	+32.32	24	8.47
Beehive Opencast	..	4,009	..	..	..
Kemp's Opencast	38,097	6,874	..	18	4.04
Ohai Opencast	35,492	704	..	24	11.44
Waitewhena Opencast	23,187	18,884	+22.79	28	3.11
Wangaloa Opencast	8,587	..	..	16	0.19
Totals	992,842	724,233	..	..	..