

MINERALS OTHER THAN GOLD

The production of minerals other than gold, which is shown elsewhere in the Statement, is substantially of the same order as last year.

QUARRY OUTPUTS

The following table shows the outputs of quarries under the Quarries Act, 1944, and also the numbers of men ordinarily employed during the year 1945 :—

District.	Number of Quarries.	Men employed.	Road Metal.	Stone for Harbour-works.	Building or Monumental Stone.	Limestone for Agriculture.	Limestone or Marl for Cement.	Miscellaneous.	Value at Quarry.
			Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	£
Auckland	174	763	508,899	..	..	195,224	274,995	396,389	340,298
Hauraki Mining District	25	98	100,089	..	345	..	..	..	43,678
Hawke's Bay	28	93	37,987	..	..	44,500	..	..	27,079
Taranaki	24	72	23,138	..	..	..	..	..	6,441
Wellington	24	65	40,193	..	..	61,938	..	3,000	30,869
Nelson, Westland, Buller and Marlborough	40	116	13,553	2,142	..	26,290	87,710	3,251	14,157
Canterbury, Otago, and Southland	83	511	137,237	41,531	2,135	484,683	73,331	75,863	247,926
Totals, 1945 ..	398	1,718	861,096	43,673	2,480	812,635	436,036	478,503	710,448
Totals, 1944 ..	347	1,551	820,035	52,587	12,185	903,808	380,305	228,269	627,033

QUARRY ACCIDENTS

The following is a summary of serious accidents during 1945 at quarries under the Quarries Act :—

Cause.	Number of Accidents.		Number of Sufferers.	
	Fatal.	Serious.	Killed.	Seriously injured.
Haulage	..	..	..	..
Machinery	..	2	..	2
Explosives	..	1	..	1
Falls of ground	4	..	4	..
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..
Totals	4	3	4	3

STATE AID TO MINING

SUBSIDIZED PROSPECTING

A total amount of £11,173 was advanced during the year 1945-46 to mining concerns by way of subsidies, loans, and other forms of financial assistance.

The Department also expended a sum of £24,618 in surveys, prospecting, and developing of various areas.