

1947
NEW ZEALAND

MINES STATEMENT

BY THE HON. A. McLAGAN, MINISTER OF MINES

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, 1946.

MINERAL PRODUCTION

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metalliferous mines, quarries, and coal-mines during 1946 and 1945 :—

Mineral.	1946.		1945.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Gold	119,271 oz.	1,262,524	128,364 oz.	1,353,207
Silver	224,341 oz.	59,707	244,544 oz.	36,752
Platinum	14 oz.	312	..	..
Arsenic	18 tons	316	17 tons	306
Asbestos	..	..	31 cwt.	31
Bentonite	154 tons	777	167 tons	800
Clays (other than for brickmaking)	9,425 tons	5,186	8,251 tons	5,408
Clays (for brickmaking)*	109,809 tons	26,179	..	..
Coal	2,793,870 tons	4,190,805	2,833,576 tons	4,250,364
Diatomaceous earth	348 tons	574	255 tons	446
Dolomite	3,893 tons	1,946	4,644 tons	2,322
Fuller's earth	75 tons	318	76 tons	273
Iron-ore	7,406 tons	16,422	6,067 tons	14,648
Magnesite	374 tons	262	111 tons	100
Manganese-ore	402 tons	1,686	..	..
Mica	..	..	882 lb.	882
Phosphate	11,047 tons	3,314	7,956 tons	2,188
Pumice	3,409 tons	12,347	2,183 tons	9,163
Quartzite	18 tons	33	39 tons	71
Serpentine	20,058 tons	3,966	13,933 tons	3,329
Silica sand	16,949 tons	38,921	20,009 tons	45,066
Stone, sand, &c.	2,701,462 tons	741,162	2,634,423 tons	710,448
Talc	..	..	..	..
Tungsten-ore	27 tons	6,350	34 tons	10,360
Quicksilver	..	..	2,294 lb.	2,294
Totals	..	6,373,197	..	6,448,458

* Not previously recorded.