

MEN EMPLOYED IN OR ABOUT MINES AND QUARRIES

The following table shows the number of men employed in each inspection district during 1946 and 1945 :—

	Inspection District.			Totals.	
	Northern (North Island).	West Coast of (South Island).	Southern (Rest of South Island).	1946.	1945.
Gold, silver, and scheelite ..	492	521	153	1,166	1,304
Coal	2,114	2,447	996	5,557	5,592
Quarries	1,202	143	539	1,884	1,718
Silica	9	3	4	16	11
Cinnabar	2	..	..	2	9
Iron-ore	16	5	..	21	22
Manganese	1	..	..	1	1
Fuller's earth	1	..	..	1	2
Diatomaceous earth	1	..	2	3	4
Bentonite	2	..	..	2	5
Serpentine	10	..	..	10	5
Asbestos	..	..	..	..	6
Dolomite	..	10	..	10	5
Clay	3	2	..	5	16
Phosphate	..	..	3	3	3
Mica	..	..	..	..	5
Magnesite	..	2	..	2	..
Totals	3,853	3,133	1,697	8,683	8,708

MINING AND QUARRY ACCIDENTS

Fatal and serious accidents in the mining industry during the year 1946 were :—

	Men killed.	Men seriously injured.	Men ordinarily employed.
Coal-mines	4	43	5,557
Metal mines	..	3	1,166
Quarries	1	10	1,884
Totals	5	56	8,607

MINING PRIVILEGES

The table below shows the numbers and descriptions of mining privileges granted through the Warden's Courts during 1946 and 1945 :—

	1946.	1945.
Claims	23	19
Prospecting licences	83	89
Water rights	22	18
Residence-sites	29	26
Mineral licences	8	8
Miscellaneous	10	1
Totals	175	161