

QUARRY OUTPUTS

The following table shows the outputs of quarries and the numbers of men ordinarily employed during 1946 :—

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	178	836	427,047	..	..	220,929	275,748	420,862*	320,738
Hauraki	31	116	121,321	..	218	..	..	..	50,896
Hawke's Bay ..	27	85	49,969	..	..	46,326	..	1,200	25,790
Taranaki	22	62	33,257	..	..	..	..	..	12,778
Wellington	44	103	41,172	..	..	99,221	..	26,150	56,886
Nelson, Westland, Buller, and Marlborough	34	143	8,436	415	..	35,045	61,038	4,148	18,413
Canterbury, Otago, and Southland	110	542	104,654	54,357	14,728	528,273	105,681	114,494†	272,091
Totals, 1946 ..	446	1,887	785,856	54,772	14,946	929,794	442,467	566,854	757,592
Totals, 1945 ..	398	1,718	861,096	43,673	2,480	812,635	436,036	478,503	710,448

* Includes clays for brickmaking, &c., 67,334 tons, valued at £9,387.
 † Includes phosphate for agriculture, 11,047 tons, valued at £3,314, and clays for pottery, &c., 28,848 tons, valued at £10,476. Excludes 14,002 tons of sand, valued at £6,747, produced at pits not subject to inspection.

QUARRY ACCIDENTS

The following is a summary of fatal and serious accidents at quarries during 1946 :—

Cause.	Number of Accidents.		Number of Men.	
	Fatal.	Serious.	Killed.	Seriously injured.
Falls from face	1	2	1	2
Falls of ground	..	5	..	5
Explosives	..	1	..	1
Miscellaneous	..	2	..	2
Totals	1	10	1	10

STATE AID TO MINING

SUBSIDIZED PROSPECTING

A total amount of £21,314 was advanced during the year 1946-47 to the mining industry by way of subsidies, loans, and other forms of financial assistance.

The Mines Department expended £25,144 in surveying, prospecting, and developing of areas.