

MINING AND QUARRY ACCIDENTS

Fatal and serious accidents in the mining industry during the year 1947 were :—

			Men Killed.	Men Seriously Injured.	Men Ordinarily Employed.
Coal-mines	..	..	4	41	5,442
Metal mines	..	..	2	5	1,191
Quarries	..	..	5	2	2,165
Totals	..	..	11	48	8,798

MINING PRIVILEGES

The following table shows the numbers and descriptions of mining privileges granted through the Warden's Court during 1947, 1946, and 1945 :—

			1947.	1946.	1945.
Claims	..	..	30	23	19
Prospecting licences	..	..	62	83	89
Water rights	..	..	38	22	18
Residence sites	..	..	56	29	26
Mineral licences	..	..	7	8	8
Miscellaneous	..	..	13	10	1
Totals	..	..	206	175	161

LEGISLATION

The Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1947, contains provisions concerning the exchange of coal-prospecting licences for coal leases, the right to compensation for injury or death, and the rate of payment of contributions to the Coal-miners' Relief Fund.

The Mining Amendment Act, 1947, amended the provisions for granting amalgamated claims, and contains a section regarding damages for injury or death similar to the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1947.