

APPENDIX B

REPORTS RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF COAL-MINES

The INSPECTING ENGINEER and CHIEF INSPECTOR OF COAL-MINES, to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES.

Wellington, 5th July, 1948.

SIR,—

I have the honour to present my annual report on the coal-mining industry of New Zealand for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

OUTPUT

The total output for the year was 2,751,725 tons, a decrease of 42,145 tons on the 1946 production.

The decreases in the respective districts were: Northern District, 629 tons; West Coast District, 1,577 tons; Southern District, 39,939 tons.

The statement shows the tons of coal raised, men employed, and lives lost by accidents in and about collieries to 1947 :—

Year.	Output, in Statute Tons.	Persons ordinarily employed.			Lives lost by Accidents in or about Collieries.		
		Above Ground.	Below Ground.	Total.	Per Million Tons produced.	Per Thousand Persons employed.	Number of Lives lost.
Prior to 1941	95,336,168	..	..	..	..	..	526
1941	2,639,507	1,358	3,633	4,991	1.51	0.80	4
1942	2,680,041	1,338	3,659	4,997	2.24	1.20	6
1943	2,787,868	1,375	3,999	5,374	2.87	1.50	8
1944	2,805,970	1,637	3,958	5,595	4.28	2.14	12
1945	2,833,576	1,660	3,932	5,592	2.12	1.07	6
1946	2,793,870	1,738	3,819	5,557	1.43	0.72	4
1947	2,751,725	1,703	3,739	5,442	1.43	0.73	4
Totals	114,628,725	..	..	..	..	..	570

ACCIDENTS

Serious and fatal accidents at coal-mines during 1947 were as follows :—

	Fatal Accidents.		Serious Non-fatal Accidents.	
	Number of Separate Fatal Accidents.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Separate Non-fatal Accidents.	Number of Persons injured, including those injured by Accidents which proved Fatal to their Companions.
Carbon-monoxide poisoning	..	..	1	1
Other gases	1	1	..	..
Explosions, fire-damp, or coal-dust	..	..	..	..
Falls of ground or timber	2	2	11	12
Explosives	..	..	1	1
Haulage	..	..	14	14
Electrical	1	1	..	..
Miscellaneous—Underground	..	..	5	5
Surface	..	..	8	8
Totals	4	4	40	41