SCREENING OF COAL

The following table shows the percentage of coal sold as unscreened and the results obtained from the screening of the balance of the output :—

Mine.	Percentage Sold as Unscreened.	Percentages of Screened and Small Obtained from Coal Screened.			
		Screened.	Small		
Mossbank	..	67·08	32·92		
Black Diamond Opencast	6·41	79·72	20·28		
Wairaki Mine	..	68·46	31·54		
Star	..	76·05	23·95		
Birchwood	..	71·24	28·76		
Liverpool Mine	100·00	..	..		
Strongman	11·16	84·02	15·98		
Blackball	8·79	30·16	69·84		
Wallsend	3·84	73·93	26·07		
Dobson	7·73	81·13	18·87		
Paparoa	70·45	63·54	36·46		
Burke's Creek	..	52·17	47·83*		
Garvey Creek	..	13·47	86·53*		
Wangaloa Opencast	..	71·32	28·68		
Waitewhena Opencast	4·37	36·30	63·70		
Kemp's Opencast	3·27	37·10	62·90		
Stockton Mine and Opencast	37·37	62·07	37·93		
Kimihia Opencast	..	56·88	43·12		
Glen Afton Opencast	..	94·86	5·14		
Kamo	100·00	..	..		
		Percentage of House, Domestic, Kitchen, and Slack (North Island Grading).			
		House.	Domestic.	Kitchen.	Slack.
Wilton	2·64	..	53·54	..	46·46
Mangapehi	..	12·12	..	31·77	56·11
Tatu	4·42	..	54·68	..	45·32

* Includes unscreened nuts.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

It is very pleasing to report a decrease in the number of accidents during the year. The number of accidents for the year was 1,158, as compared with 1,225 for the previous year, notwithstanding that 17 mines were operated during the year.

The Accident Insurance Working Account showed a surplus of £38,588 14s. 3d. on the year's working, as compared with £24,576 5s. 1d. for the previous year. The Accident Insurance Reserve Account now stands at £118,302 2s. 8d.

The cost of claims percentage on wages paid amounted to £2 5s., as compared with £2 17s. 9d. for the previous year, the average cost of each claim being £24 0s. 3d. compared with £24 10s. 7d. during the 1946–47 financial year.