

Taking into account the stocks at the beginning and end of the year, the following statement shows details of the coal disposed of during the year:—

1st April, 1947—		Tons cwt. qr.		Tons cwt. qr.	
Stock in bin and yard ..	..	..	..		
Stock on wharf ..	..	226	18 1	226	18 1
Add net output for year ..	..	93,670	0 0		
Add surplus stocks ..	..	837	14 3		
				94,507	14 3
				94,734	13 0
31st March, 1948—					
Less stock in bin and yard ..	..	534	10 0		
Less stock on wharf ..	..	838	9 1		
				1,372	19 1
Total disposed of ..	..	..	..	93,361	13 3

Disposals

		Tons cwt. qr.	
Shipped	..	62,868	16 3
Railed to Canterbury, &c. ..	..	14,635	3 1
Railway sales	..	3,791	4 2
Local and mine sales	..	8,278	12 2
Sales to workmen and free issues ..	..	3,787	16 3
			93,361 13 3

The gross output from the colliery since its inception totals 813,439 tons 7 cwt.

Days Worked.—The colliery worked 233 days out of a possible 241 ordinary working-days. In addition, the colliery worked 3 substituted statutory holidays, making the total days worked 236. The difference between the ordinary days worked, 233, and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: 1 day, double place dispute; 1 day, power failure; 1 day, dispute *re* trucking contract; 1 day, funeral late Hon. J. O'Brien; 1 day, fan motor breakdown; 3 days, dispute between Miners' and Deputies' Unions.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 238 men and 5 boys, made up as follows—Underground: Coal-hewers, 69; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 110. Surface: 59 men and 5 boys.

Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £3 14s., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 10s. 1d., an increase of 11s. 10d. per day when compared with the previous period.

Daily Output.—The average daily output was 407 tons 17 cwt. and the coal-hewers' average daily output was 6 tons 13 cwt., as compared with 422 tons 14 cwt. and 6 tons 18 cwt. respectively for the previous year. The total number of hewer shifts for the year was 14,512.

Deficiencies.—There were no payments made under the minimum-wage clause during the year.