

The following table shows the output of coal from the various coalfields and the comparative increases and decreases for the years 1948 and 1947, together with the approximate total production to date :—

Coalfield.	Output.		Increase.	Decrease.	Approximate Total Output up to 31st December, 1948.
	1948.	1947.			
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
North Auckland	50,804	64,368	..	13,564	6,657,124
Waikato (including Taranaki) ..	964,384	915,652	48,732	..	25,783,627
Nelson	6,854	7,387	..	533	772,655
Buller	527,593	549,151	..	21,558	30,574,387
Reefton	119,104	130,759	..	11,655	2,070,555
Grey	490,328	468,282	22,046	..	22,979,303
Canterbury	32,030	34,780	..	2,750	1,440,041
Otago	205,931	203,889	2,042	..	15,747,241
Southland	378,858	377,457	1,401	..	11,379,678
Totals	2,775,886	2,751,725	74,221	50,060	117,404,611

The outputs of the various classes of coal mined in each inspection district were :—

Class of Coal.	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Total.	Total Output to 31st December, 1948.
Anthracite	..	..	1,745	1,745	18,677
Bituminous	..	950,901	..	950,901	62,338,375
Sub-bituminous	1,015,188	157,094	335,763	1,508,045	47,619,789
Lignite	..	35,884	279,311	315,195	7,427,770
Totals for 1948	1,015,188	1,143,879	616,819	2,775,886	117,404,611
Totals for 1947	980,020	1,155,579	616,126	2,751,725	114,628,725

TABLE SHOWING THE INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF COAL AND THE QUANTITY OF COAL IMPORTED

Year.	Coal Produced.		Coal Imported.		
	Tons.	Yearly Increase or Decrease.	Tons.	Increase Over Preceding Year.	Decrease Below Preceding Year.
Prior to 1930	71,298,699	..	12,734,199	..	..
1930	2,542,092	Inc. 6,288	157,943	..	57,713
1931	2,157,756	Dec. 384,336	179,060	21,117	..
1932	1,842,022	Dec. 315,734	103,531	..	75,529
1933	1,821,258	Dec. 20,764	99,272	..	4,259
1934	2,060,315	Inc. 239,057	100,715	1,443	..
1935	2,115,184	Inc. 54,869	97,398	..	3,317
1936	2,140,217	Inc. 25,033	111,078	13,680	..
1937	2,277,799	Inc. 137,582	116,499	5,421	..
1938	2,222,088	Dec. 55,711	109,206	..	7,293
1939	2,342,639	Inc. 120,551	111,537	2,331	..
1940	2,516,099	Inc. 173,460	64,860	..	46,677
1941	2,639,507	Inc. 123,408	78,171	13,311	..
1942	2,680,041	Inc. 40,534	90,865	12,694	..
1943	2,787,868	Inc. 107,827	37,454	..	53,411
1944	2,805,970	Inc. 18,102	..	..	37,454
1945	2,833,576	Inc. 27,606	..	..	..
1946	2,793,870	Dec. 39,706	27,185	27,185	..
1947	2,751,725	Dec. 42,145	93,411	66,226	..
1948	2,775,886	Inc. 24,161	54,211	..	39,260