

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 | | |
| Kamo | 100·00 | .. | .. | | |
| Kemp's | 5·33 | 33·17 | 66·83 | | |
| Kimihia | 0·02 | 51·43 | 48·57 | | |
| Waitewhena | 7·53 | 30·14 | 69·86 | | |
| Denniston | 40·98 | 49·93 | 50·07 | | |
| Millerton | 32·16 | 65·55 | 34·45 | | |
| Stockton | 38·07 | 61·77 | 38·23 | | |
| Burke's Creek | .. | 45·64 | 54·36* | | |
| Garvey Creek | 100·00 | .. | .. | | |
| Central | .. | 25·35 | 74·65 | | |
| Blackball | 6·06 | 34·64 | 65·36 | | |
| Dobson | 9·26 | 83·52 | 16·48 | | |
| Paparoa | 73·93 | 76·21 | 23·79 | | |
| Wallsend | 4·15 | 70·73 | 29·27 | | |
| Liverpool | 100·00 | .. | .. | | |
| Strongman | 10·72 | 80·16 | 19·84 | | |
| Wangaloa | .. | 71·64 | 28·36 | | |
| Birchwood | .. | 66·84 | 33·16 | | |
| Black Diamond | 14·63 | 78·39 | 21·61 | | |
| Mossbank | .. | 71·91 | 28·09 | | |
| Star | .. | 77·08 | 22·92 | | |
| McLean's | .. | 67·16 | 32·84 | | |
| Wairaki | .. | 77·40 | 22·60 | | |
| Percentage of House, Kitchen, and Slack (North Island Grading). | | | | | |
| | | House. | Domestic. | Kitchen. | Slack. |
| Mangapehi | .. | 13·96 | .. | 40·56 | 45·48 |
| Wilton | 6·37 | .. | 54·22 | .. | 45·78 |
| Tatu | 0·08 | .. | 58·32 | .. | 41·68 |

* Includes unscreened nuts.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The number of compensatable accidents at State mines increased from 1,158 for the year ended 31st March, 1948, to 1,406 for the year ended 31st March, 1949. The increase is mainly due to the additional mines operated by the Department during the year ended 31st March, 1949. There has been no substantial increase in the incidence of accidents.

The cost of claims per cent. on wages paid amounted to £2 9s. 6d., as compared with £2 5s. for the previous year, the average cost of each claim being £30 13s. 8d., compared with £24 0s. 3d. during the 1947-48 financial year. These increases reflect the increased benefits payable under the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1947, and which were payable from 1st April, 1948.

The Accident Insurance Working Account showed a surplus of £51,474 10s. 4d. on the year's working, as compared with £38,588 14s. 3d. for the previous year, and the Accident Insurance Reserve Account now stands at £169,776 5s. 6d.