

The DISTRICT MANAGER, State Coal-mines, Ngakawau, to the UNDER-SECRETARY,
Mines Department, Wellington.

SIR,—

31st May, 1949.

I have the honour to submit my report on the workings of the Buller State mines for the year ended 31st March, 1949.

STOCKTON STATE COAL-MINES

Output.—The gross output for the year from the Fly Creek and Webb Mines and “ E ” Hill Opencast was 214,933 tons 4 cwt. 1 qr., a decrease of 49,627 tons 12 cwt. 1 qr. when compared with the previous year. Gross outputs of the individual mines were as follows :—

						Tons	cwt.	qr.
Fly Creek	..	..	..	..	..	35,345	9	1
Webb Mine	..	..	..	..	..	74,655	10	0
“ E ” Hill Opencast	..	..	..	..	..	104,932	5	0
						214,933	4	1

After allowing for waste (212 tons 13 cwt.) and coal used on works (4,980 tons), there remained for disposal a net output of 209,740 tons 11 cwt. 1 qr.

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

1st April, 1948—			Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Stocks on wharf	..	..	1,975	19	0			
Stock in bins and yard	..	..	2,512	14	0			
						4,488	13	0
Add surplus stock taken on charge	..	..	1,707	0	0			
Add net output for year	..	..	209,740	11	1			
						211,447	11	1
						215,936	4	1
31st March, 1949—								
Less stock in bins and yard	..	..	1,800	0	0			
Less stock on wharf	..	..	1,822	14	0			
						3,622	14	0
Total disposed of	..	..				212,313	10	1

Disposals

						Tons	cwt.	qr.
Shipped	..	..	..	..	..	146,932	14	0
Railed	..	..	..	..	..	18,112	1	2
Railway sales	..	..	..	..	..	39,473	10	2
Local and mine sales	..	..	..	..	..	6,611	14	1
Workmen and free issues	..	..	..	..	..	1,183	10	0
						212,313	10	1

The gross output of the collieries since being taken over by the State on 1st July, 1944, totals 1,041,129 tons 4 cwt. 2 qr.