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STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORT ON THE WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1910.

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SIR. New Zealand State Coal-mines Office, Wellington, 27th June, 1910.

I have the honour to submit the annual report and balance-sheet of the New Zealand State Coal-mines for the period ended 31st March last.

The gross output of these mines for the year was 289,673 tons, which, after allowing for mine-consumption and waste, left 281,630 tons for market, being a decrease of 18,406 tons when considered as against the figures of the preceding yearly period.

The Point Elizabeth Mine produced 207,449 tons 18 cwt. 1 qr. of marketable coal, which was disposed of in the following manner :

	Tonnage.				Value.		
	Tons	cwt.	qr.		£	s.	d.
Railways	49,466	6	3	..	48,590	5	6
Depots	58,293	0	3	..	52,214	19	4
Other Government Departments ..	6,322	14	3	..	5,929	5	5
Shipping and private consumers ..	93,367	16	0	..	55,476	8	11
Totals	207,449	18	1	..	162,210	19	2

Of this quantity, 123 tons 14 cwt. 2 qr. screened, 1,539 tons 12 cwt. 1 qr. unscreened, 6,027 tons 18 cwt. 2 qr. steam, 6,434 tons 12 cwt. 1 qr. small, of a total value of £12,033 3s. 8d., were disposed of through the medium of the hulks. This has proved a very profitable means of sale, as well as providing a very necessary outlet for surplus small coal.

The coal maintains its excellent quality, and the demand far exceeds the present output.

The year's result would have been very much more satisfactory were it not for the strike at the mine, which not only caused a considerable reduction in the output, but entailed large expenditure maintaining the machinery, and pumping to keep the pit clear of water.

The Seddonville Mine produced 74,180 tons 16 cwt. 1 qr. of marketable coal, which was disposed of as follows :—

	Tonnage.				Value.		
	Tons	cwt.	qr.		£	s.	d.
Railways	20,396	2	2	..	20,983	11	8
Depots	8,392	19	3	..	5,695	13	0
Other Government Departments ..	539	17	2	..	426	5	4
Shipping and private consumers ..	41,303	11	2	..	21,743	19	11
Briquette-works	3,548	5	0	..	975	15	0
Totals	74,180	16	1	..	49,825	4	11

Of this quantity, 5 tons screened, 1,918 tons 12 cwt. 2 qr. steam, 82 tons 17 cwt. 1 qr. small, of a total value of £1,802 8s. 9d., were sold through the medium of the hulks.

The briquette-works produced briquettes and eggettes, which, after allowing for those afloat and in stock last year, were disposed of in the following manner :—

	Tonnage.				Value.		
	Tons	cwt.	qr.		£	s.	d.
Railways	3,269	5	2	..	3,384	6	0
Depots	870	17	0	..	1,088	0	0
Consumers at works	19	12	0	..	16	5	6
Totals	4,159	14	2	..	4,488	11	6