

EXHIBIT No. 15.

SIR,—

Registrar-General's Office, Wellington, 15th September, 1911.

Your letter of the 9th instant addressed to the Registrar-General has been referred to me. The particulars asked for are as follows:—

1. The quantity of butter produced in the factories for the year ended 30th April, 1911, was approximately 491,220 cwt.
2. The quantity and value of the butter exported for the year ended 31st March, 1911, was 367,849 cwt., valued at £1,860,546.
3. The quantity of cheese produced in the factories for the year ended 30th April, 1911, was approximately 480,200 cwt. The quantity and value of cheese exported for the year ended 31st March, 1911, was 456,371 cwt., valued at £1,216,137.
4. The number of butter and cheese factories in the Dominion, 30th April, 1911: Butter-factories, 185; cheese-factories, 218; skimming-stations, 414.

I have, &c.,

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Government Statistician.

EXHIBIT No. 16.

COAL-MINES COMMISSION REPORT, 1901: EVIDENCE OF MR. JOACHIM.

	Per Ton.	
	s.	d.
Cost of coal at bins tip-head	5	9
Royalty	0	6
Commissions, agencies, and management	0	7½
Miners' Accident Fund	0	0½
Railway haulage	3	2
Depreciation, plant, &c.	0	8
Stores, &c... .. .	0	3
F.o.b. total cost.. .. .	11	0

	Tons.
Point Elizabeth Mine capable of an output daily (if facilities for shipment were sufficient) of..	1,500
The output of the mine yearly is about	216,000
If working 303 days its output at 1,500 tons would be	469,500
This would give an increased output per year of	253,500

STATE-OWNED COLLIERIES.

Freight paid to Union Company	5s. 3d.
Average yearly output (about)	216,000 tons.
216,000 tons at an average of 5s. per ton	£54,000
Three colliers of 2,000 tons each at £15 per ton	£90,000

One Week—Estimated Earnings.

	£	s.	d.
Wages for week (about)	72	16	0
Labour—Loading and discharging	75	0	0
Wharfage—2,000 tons at 1s.	100	0	0
Bunker coal, say, 30 tons at 6s.	9	0	0
Total	256	16	0
2,000 tons at 3s. freight	300	0	0
Balance	43	4	0
Freight—Return, say, 200 tons at 5s.	50	0	0
	93	4	0
Labour applied to return freight	20	0	0
Balance, credit	£73	4	0

Summary of Credit of Earnings.

One collier clearing £73 per week for fifty weeks, £3,650 per annum; three colliers clearing £73 each per week, £10,950 per annum. So in nine years the earnings to credit would be £98,550. This would pay off the cost of vessels. State Coal-mines Act passed 1901. Averaging it at 40,000 each year for eight years we have paid in freight to private enterprise £320,000.