MINERAL-PRODUCTION.

The following table shows the quantity and value of gold, silver, and other minerals, coal, and kauri-gum, exported during the years 1912 and 1913, also the quantity of native coal consumed in the Dominion during the same periods :—

Product.	Year ending 31st December, 1912. Quantity.	Value.	31st December, 1913. Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Gold	343,163 oz.	1,345,131	376,161 oz.	1,459,499
Silver	801,165 „	84,739	975,616 „	103,866
Mixed minerals	1,729 tons	20,571	2,927 tons	31,532
New Zealand coal exported	229,012 „	216,170	211,749 „	205,010
New Zealand coal used in New Zealand	1,948,603 „	974,301	1,676,256 „	838,128
Kauri-gum	7,908 „	401,305	8,780 „	549,106
Coke	4 „	7	28 „	50

	£
Total value of production for 1913	3,187,191
„ 1912	3,042,224
Total increase	**£144,967**

AURIFEROUS-QUARTZ MINING.

The value of bullion obtained from our quartz-mines during 1913 amounted to £1,071,813, as a result of treating 464,508 imperial tons of ore, in addition to which scheelite concentrates, value £22,933, was also obtained from such ore.

The dividends distributed by gold-quartz mining companies amounted to £287,088.

The above-recorded output shows an increase when compared with that for 1912.

The following is a statement of the quantity of quartz treated, the value of bullion obtained, and the amount of dividends paid by the most important quartz-mines during 1913 :—

Name of Company.	Quantity of Quartz treated.	Value of Bullion.	Dividends paid by Registered Companies only. 1913.	Total to End of December. 1913.
	Imperial Tons.	£	£	£
Waihi Gold-mining Company (Limited)	164,971	323,345	99,181	4,478,539
Waihi Grand Junction Gold-mining Company (Limited)	87,842	180,020	19,219	57,656
Talisman Consolidated (Limited)	39,780	215,642	133,687	819,041
New Big River Gold-mining Company (Limited) ..	4,970	28,022	14,400	81,600
Blackwater Mines (Limited)	45,053	82,207	12,500	99,996
Other quartz-mines	121,892	242,577	8,101	*
Totals	**464,508**	**1,071,813**	**287,088**	*

* Unknown.

ALLUVIAL AND DREDGE MINING.

Gold to the approximate value of £295,704 was obtained at sluicing claims during the year. This result is greater than the production by this class of mining for several preceding years. Alluvial-gold mining appears to have arrived at a more permanent condition, owing to the installation by companies of sluicing and elevating plants capable of profitably handling large quantities of low-grade wash. Although no development of importance occurred during 1913, with the addition of new mines now being laid down the future prospects appear to be favourable to the maintenance of the present output.