

The production from, and the number of persons employed at, the principal collieries of the Dominion are shown in the following table :—

Name of Colliery.	Locality.	Class of Coal.	Output for 1914.	Total Output to 31st December, 1914.	Total Number of Persons ordinarily employed.
<i>Northern District.</i>					
Hikurangi	Hikurangi...	Semi-bituminous	Tons. 64,683	Tons. 933,265	92
Ralphs and Extended	Huntly ...	Brown ...	234,870	2,948,261	560
Northern	Hikurangi...	Semi-bituminous	33,428	533,782	54
<i>West Coast District.</i>					
Coalbrookdale	Millerton ...	Bituminous	352,071	4,406,070	587
	Denniston	"	293,619	6,881,429	559
Westport-Stockton	Mangatini	"	152,233	702,708	200
State Coal-mines (Point Elizabeth)	Runanga ...	"	128,188	1,865,762	243
(Liverpool)	Rewanui ...	"	72,000	81,114	244
Blackball	Blackball ...	"	218,497	2,035,157	380
<i>Southern District.</i>					
Kaitangata and Castle Hill	Kaitangata	Brown ...	152,988	3,140,334	411
Nightcaps	Nightcaps...	" ...	73,390	1,031,484	139
Other collieries, in all districts	...	Various ...	492,626	15,065,046	1,265
Totals	...	...	2,275,593	39,624,412	4,734

SECTION II.—PERSONS EMPLOYED.

Inspection District.	Average Number of Persons employed during 1914.		
	Above Ground.	Below Ground.	Total.
Northern	273	746	1,019
West Coast	616	2,038	2,654
Southern	287	774	1,061
Totals, 1914	1,176	3,558	4,734
Totals, 1913	1,053	3,197	4,250

The number of persons employed at New Zealand collieries during 1914 is the highest yet recorded.

SECTION III.—ACCIDENTS

The following is a summary of coal-mining accidents during 1914, with their causes :—

	Fatal Accidents.		Serious Non-fatal Accidents.	
	Number of Separate Fatal Accidents.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Separate Non-fatal Accidents.	Number of Persons injured, including those injured by Accidents which proved Fatal to their Companions.
Explosions of fire-damp	1	43	2	6
Falls in mine	3	3	2	2
Explosives... ..	1	1	1	1
Haulage	1	1	2	2
Miscellaneous—Underground... ..	...	...	17	17
On surface	1	1	2	2
Totals	7	49	26	30