

APPENDIX D.

STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORT ON THE WORKING OF), FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1915.

Prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 118 of the Coal-mines Act, 1908.

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

SIR,— New Zealand State Coal-mines Office, Greymouth, 11th June, 1915.

I beg to submit the annual report of the New Zealand State Coal-mines for the year ended 31st March, 1915.

The gross output of the mines was 226,149 tons, which, after allowing for mine consumption and waste and with the addition of stocks from last year, left 215,458 tons for disposal, and when compared with the figures of last year shows an increase of 27,870 tons.

The Point Elizabeth Mine produced 117,261 tons of marketable coal, an increase of 6,860 tons on last year's figures.

The following table shows the quantity disposed of, after allowing for stocks on hand and afloat at beginning and end of year :—

To whom.	Screened.	Unscreened.	Bunker.	Small.	Totals.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Depots	23,142	13,776	..	9,354	46,272
Railways	10,626	8,880	..	..	19,506
Other Government Departments	580	927	484	632	2,623
Private consumers	10,309	5,068	18,082	14,743	48,202
Totals	44,657	28,651	18,566	24,729	116,603

The Liverpool Mine produced 86,066 tons of marketable coal, an increase of 63,896 tons. The following table shows the quantity disposed of, after allowing for stocks on hand and afloat at beginning and end of year :—

To whom.	Screened.	Unscreened.	Bunker.	Small.	Totals.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Depots	17,076	1,373	..	24,205	42,654
Railways	11,274	57	..	..	11,331
Other Government Departments	575	145	592	47	1,359
Private consumers	1,991	4,763	1,182	20,837	28,773
Totals	30,916	6,338	1,774	45,089	84,117

This mine is now in full working-order, and the increase in its output should be substantial for the next few years.

The Seddonville Mine was closed down in May. The following table shows the quantity disposed of for that period :—

To whom.	Screened.	Unscreened.	Bunker.	Small.	Totals.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Depots	..	..	..	202	202
Railways	1,526	..	..	..	1,526
Private consumers	22	744	19	1,919	2,704
Totals	1,548	744	19	2,121	4,432