

1916.
NEW ZEALAND.

STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORT ON THE WORKING OF), FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1916.

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, Greymouth, 15th May, 1916.
I have the honour to submit my annual report on the work done at the State Collieries for the year ended 31st March, 1916.

The gross output of the mines was 249,839 tons, which, after allowing for mine consumption and waste and with the addition of stocks from last year, left 249,619 tons for disposal, and when compared with the figures of last year shows an increase of 34,161 tons.

The Point Elizabeth Mine produced 125,827 tons of marketable coal, an increase of 8,566 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	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Depots ...	25,241	15	3	10,259	9	3	...			16,498	6	0	51,999	11	2
Railways ...	18,504	14	2	8,799	9	0	...			...			27,304	3	2
Other Government departments	1,447	12	2	117	0	0	1,209	10	0	248	15	3	3,022	18	1
Private consumers ...	7,501	7	0	6,400	18	0	16,218	18	0	13,071	10	3	43,192	13	3
Totals ...	52,695	9	3	25,576	16	3	17,428	8	0	29,818	12	2	125,519	7	0

The Liverpool Mine produced 113,486 tons of marketable coal, an increase of 27,420 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	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Depots ...	21,200	10	2	424	10	0	...			41,632	7	3	63,257	8	1
Railways ...	16,747	4	0	374	1	2	...			7	0	0	17,128	5	2
Other Government departments	415	6	1	1,307	2	1	143	10	0	...			1,865	18	2
Private consumers ...	1,414	7	1	7,114	4	2	317	1	0	24,405	14	3	33,251	7	2
Totals ...	39,777	8	0	9,219	18	1	460	11	0	66,045	2	2	115,502	19	3

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