

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 1918. | Total Output to 31st December, 1918. | Total Number of Persons ordinarily employed. |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <i>Northern District.</i>           |                    |                 |                  |                                      |                                              |
| Hikurangi ... ..                    | Hikurangi...       | Semi-bituminous | Tons. 65,361     | Tons. 1,165,283                      | 109                                          |
| Taupiri Extended ... ..             | Huntly ...         | Brown ...       | 203,015          | 2,385,196                            | 373                                          |
| Taupiri Rotowaro... ..              | Rotowaro...        | " ...           | 31,618           | 33,274                               | 69                                           |
| Pukemiro ... ..                     | Pukemiro...        | " ...           | 114,458          | 296,424                              | 160                                          |
| Waipa ... ..                        | Glen Massey        | " ...           | 69,085           | 388,784                              | 73                                           |
| <i>West Coast District.</i>         |                    |                 |                  |                                      |                                              |
| Coalbrookdale ... ..                | Millerton ...      | Bituminous      | 240,096          | 5,492,521                            | 406                                          |
|                                     | Denniston          | "               | 179,630          | 7,781,218                            | 391                                          |
| Westport-Stockton ... ..            | Mangatini          | "               | 154,120          | 1,357,612                            | 276                                          |
| State Coal-mines                    | Point Elizabeth... | Semi-bituminous | 95,106           | 2,350,823                            | 134                                          |
|                                     | Liverpool ...      | Bituminous      | 113,013          | 585,484                              | 298                                          |
| Blackball ... ..                    | Blackball ...      | "               | 121,259          | 2,709,639                            | 284                                          |
| Paparoa... ..                       | Roa ...            | "               | 34,145           | 297,694                              | 85                                           |
| <i>Southern District.</i>           |                    |                 |                  |                                      |                                              |
| Kaitangata and Castle Hill ... ..   | Kaitangata         | Brown ...       | 124,985          | 3,632,480                            | 293                                          |
| Nightcaps ... ..                    | Nightcaps...       | " ...           | 53,805           | 1,307,949                            | 109                                          |
| Other New Zealand collieries ... .. | All coalfields     | Various ...     | 434,554          | 18,408,459                           | 934                                          |
| Totals ... ..                       | ...                | ...             | 2,034,250        | 48,192,840                           | 3,994                                        |

## SECTION II.—PERSONS EMPLOYED.

| Inspection District. |     |     |     |     |     | Average Number of Persons employed during 1918. |               |        |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
|                      |     |     |     |     |     | Above Ground.                                   | Below Ground. | Total. |
| Northern ... ..      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 242                                             | 662           | 904    |
| West Coast ... ..    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 520                                             | 1,521         | 2,041  |
| Southern ... ..      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 340                                             | 709           | 1,049  |
| Totals, 1918 ... ..  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,102                                           | 2,892         | 3,994  |
| Totals, 1917 ... ..  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,090                                           | 2,893         | 3,983  |

During the period of the war there has been a decline of 740 in the number of persons employed at or about collieries, which amounts to 16 per cent. of the total number employed during 1914. The greater portion of these men were voluntarily on active service abroad, but a considerable number have given up coal-mining during the war. On the other hand, to avoid military service some men temporarily left other occupations to work at collieries, being thus exempt from conscription. It appears probable that the shortage of colliers will continue.