

1919.
NEW ZEALAND.

STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORTS ON WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1919.

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

MINE-MANAGER'S REPORT.

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

SIR,—

Point Elizabeth State Coal-mine, Greymouth, 6th May, 1919.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the working of the State collieries for the year ended 31st March, 1919.

POINT ELIZABETH COLLIERY.

Coal-winning.

The gross total output for the year was 86,535 tons 9 cwt., a decrease of 31,546 tons when compared with the figures for the previous year. After deducting mine consumption and waste, and allowing for the stock in hand at the beginning of the year, there remained 86,253 tons, which was disposed of as follows :—

Export—						Tons. cwt.
Screened coal	..	..	..	..	..	15,598 13
Unscreened coal	..	..	..	..	..	41,726 17
Bunker coal	..	..	..	..	..	138 0
Small coal ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,592 0
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	66,055 10
Local sales—						
Screened coal	..	..	..	..	..	6,466 11
Unscreened coal	..	..	..	..	..	3,405 3
Small coal ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,690 14
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	11,562 8
Mine sales (unscreened)	..	..	..	..	..	137 10
Sold to employees (unscreened)	..	..	..	..	..	3,242 17
Used on works (small)	..	..	..	..	..	3,405 0
Waste ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,078 4
Stock in bin	..	..	..	..	..	771 8

The gross total output won from this colliery since its inception amounts to 2,418,067 tons 9 cwt.

The colliery worked on 236½ days, and the average daily output was 365 tons 12 cwt., a reduction of 170 tons per working-day when compared with the figures of the previous year. The difference between the time worked and the possible working-time is accounted for as follows : (a) Pay Saturdays, 27 ; (b) union holidays, 15 ; (c) bad bar, 9 ; (d) want of shipping, 3½ ; (e) influenza epidemic, 6 ; (f) Peace days, 2 ; (g) quarterly cavit, 1 ; (h) levy strike, 6 ; (i) stop work through no medical officer, 5 ; (j) stop-work meetings, 2 : total time lost, 76½ days.