

OUTPUT.

The gross output of the mines for the year was 214,919 tons, as compared with 246,273 tons for last year, a decrease of 31,354 tons. A comparative statement for the two years is shown below :—

Mine.	Output in Tons, 1918-19.		Output in Tons, 1917-18.	
	Gross.	Net.	Gross.	Net.
Point Elizabeth ..	86,535	82,052	118,077	111,552
Liverpool ..	128,384	125,229	128,196	124,782
Totals ..	214,919	207,281	246,273	236,334

NOTE.—The difference between the gross and net output is the allowance made for mine consumption and waste.

Point Elizabeth Colliery produced 82,052 tons of marketable coal, a decrease of 29,500 tons on the production of last year. After allowing for stocks on hand and afloat at the beginning and end of the year the disposal was as under :—

Supplied to	Screened.	Unscreened.	Steam.	Small.	Totals.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Depots	906	24,563	...	1,559	27,028
Railways	13,691	2,009	...	...	15,700
Other Government Departments ...	115	619	...	...	734
Other consumers	6,319	5,094	...	1,805	13,218
Shipping companies	56	16,798	...	6,752	23,606
Totals	21,087	49,083	...	10,116	80,286

Liverpool Colliery produced 125,229 tons of marketable coal, an increase of 447 tons on the previous year's production. The disposal, allowing for stock in hand at beginning of year, was as follows :—

Supplied to	Screened.	Unscreened.	Small.	Totals.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Depots	572	17,756	192	18,520
Railways	1,458	6,478	...	7,936
Other Government Departments ...	136	425	...	561
Shipping companies	...	19,359	452	19,811
Gas companies	...	63,928	1,200	65,128
Other consumers	...	10,513	...	10,513
Totals	2,166	118,459	1,844	122,469

The total sales for the year amounted to 202,755 tons, value £256,226, as compared with 239,840 tons, value £267,927, for last year, a decrease in quantity of 37,085 tons, and in value of £11,701.

For the purpose of easy comparison the figures are restated below in tabulated form :

Comparative Statement of Sales.

Mine.	Total Sales 1918-19.				Total Sales 1917-18.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Tons	cwt. qr.	£	s. d.	Tons	cwt. qr.	£	s. d.
Point Elizabeth ..	80,286	1 1	88,493	9 2	113,205	6 2	123,815	5 11
Liverpool ..	122,469	9 2	167,732	11 10	126,635	4 0	144,111	15 3
Totals ..	202,755	10 3	256,226	1 0	239,840	10 2	267,927	1 2

The average price per ton realized on the total sales for the year was £1 5s. 3.29d., an increase of 2s. 11.19d. on last year's average.