

1920.
NEW ZEALAND.

STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORTS ON WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1920.

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

MINE-MANAGER'S REPORT.

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

SIR,—

17th May, 1920.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the working of the State coal-mines for the year ended 31st March, 1920.

POINT ELIZABETH COLLIERY.

Coal-winning.

The gross total output for the year was 35,816 tons 14 cwt., a decrease of 50,718 tons 15 cwt. when compared with the output of last year. After deducting mine consumption and waste, and allowing for the stock in hand at the beginning of the year (1,169 tons), there remained 34,721 tons 15 cwt., which was disposed of as follows:—

						Tons	cwt.
Export—							
Screened coal	...	...	...	...	...	3,668	5
Unscreened coal	...	...	...	...	...	22,429	9
Small coal	...	...	...	...	...	73	11
Total						26,171	5
Local sales—							
Screened coal	...	...	...	...	...	4,256	6
Unscreened coal	...	...	...	...	...	715	1
Small coal	...	...	...	...	...	928	2
Total						5,899	9
Mine sales—							
Unscreened coal	...	...	...	...	...	139	14
Unscreened coal sold to employees	...	...	...	...	...	2,419	19
Used on works (small coal)	...	...	...	...	...	1,530	5
Waste	...	...	...	...	...	733	14
Stock on wharf (small coal)	...	...	...	...	...	91	8
Total						4,915	0

The gross total output won from this colliery since its inception amounts to 2,453,884 tons 3 cwt. The mine worked on 246½ days out of a possible 305. The difference between the time worked and the possible working-time is accounted for as follows: (a) Pay Saturdays, 25 days; (b) union holidays, 17 days; (c) influenza epidemic, 10 days; (d) stop-work meetings, 3 days; (e) Peace celebrations, 1 day; (f) funeral late W. Muncaster, jun., 1 day; (g) breakdown ventilating-fan, 1 day; (h) cavit, ½ day: total time lost, 58½ days.