

The average number of men employed in and about the mine in connection with coal-mining was 70, made up as follows: Underground—Coal-hewers, 24; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 22; boy, 1; on the surface—19 men and 4 boys. In addition to those employed under the head of coal-winning there were 16 men employed on property and development work.

The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) was 23s. 9·64d., and the net return to each man after deducting explosives, stores, &c., was 22s. 10·27d., a net decrease of 1s. 4·91d. per day when compared with the figures of last year.

The total payments made on wages account in connection with coal-winning, inclusive of stores, mine-timber, and compensation, amounted to £17,957 13s. 5d.

Underground Workings.

For the past few years the output from this colliery has been entirely dependent on coal won from pillar-extraction, and during the period under review the output was also obtained from this source.

Coal-winning operations ceased at this colliery on the 20th March, 1920, all coal that could safely be won having been extracted.

The plant and machinery from within the mine was dismantled and brought to the surface, and the mine is now sealed off, thus bringing to a close mining operations at the Point Elizabeth Colliery.

LIVERPOOL COLLIERY.

Coal-winning.

The gross total output for the year was 120,412 tons 8 cwt., a decrease of 7,971 tons 14 cwt. when compared with the figures of last year.

After allowing for stock in hand at the beginning of the year (1,391 tons 7 cwt.), and making deductions for mine consumption and waste, there remained 117,041 tons 7 cwt. for disposal as follows:—

Export—					Tons	cwt.
Screened coal	...	...	...	...	22,239	11
Unscreened coal	...	...	...	...	48,109	19
Small coal	...	...	...	...	28,008	15
Total	...	...	...	...	98,358	5
Local sales—						
Screened coal	...	...	...	...	787	1
Unscreened coal	...	...	...	...	9,201	15
Nut coal	...	...	...	...	45	9
Small coal	...	...	...	...	5,037	11
Total	...	...	...	...	15,071	16
Mines sales—						
Sold to workmen (unscreened)	...	...	...	...	760	5
Used on works (unscreened)	...	...	...	...	3,520	0
Stock in bin (unscreened)	...	...	...	...	1,660	16
Stock in bin (small)...	...	...	...	...	300	0
Total	...	...	...	...	6,241	1
Stock on wharf—						
Screened coal	...	...	...	...	110	7
Unscreened coal	...	...	...	...	779	18
Total	...	...	...	...	890	5
Waste	...	...	...	...	1,242	8

The gross total output from this colliery since its inception amounts to 734,434 tons 15 cwt.

Time worked.—The Nos. 1 and 3A mines of this colliery worked on 251 days out of a possible 314, the difference between the possible and actual working-time being accounted for as follows: (a) Pay Saturdays, 26 days; (b) union holidays, 17 days; (c) influenza epidemic, 10 days; (d) stop-work meetings, 3 days; (e) cavils, 2 days; (f) funeral late W. Muncaster, jun., 1 day; (g) Peace celebrations, 1 day; (h) bad bar, 1 day; (i) breakdown to boiler, 1 day; (j) train-derailment, 1 day: total time lost, 63 days.

The No. 3 mine worked on 242 days out of a possible 314. The difference between the time worked and the possible working-time is accounted for as follows: Pay Saturdays, 26 days; union holidays, 17 days; cavil, 2 days; stop-work meetings, 3 days; funeral late W. Muncaster, jun., 1 day; Peace celebrations, 1 day; bad bar, 1 day; breakdown to boiler, 1 day; train-derailment, 1 day; dispute regarding train for shiftmen on pay Saturdays, 3 days; dispute over bad explosives, 1 day; dispute between miners and truckers, 4 days; destruction lamp-cabin (fire), 1 day; influenza epidemic, 10 days: total time lost, 72 days.

The average number of persons employed in and about the mine in connection with coal-winning was 276, made up as follows: Underground—Coal-hewers, 100; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 106; on the surface—45 men and 25 boys,