The following statement shows the value of metalliferous minerals produced, the quantity and value of kauri-gum exported, and the quantity of coal produced during 1920 and 1919:—

—	1920.		1919.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Gold and silver bullion produced ..	474,650 oz.	528,317	588,662 oz.	702,131
Quicksilver produced	..	1,378	..	2,794
Tungsten concentrate produced	39 tons	1,956	..	21,771
Manganese produced	..	10	..	..
Copper produced	..	..	..	12
Asbestos produced	..	105	..	..
Kauri-gum exported	6,481 tons	556,756	4,128 tons	255,812
Coal produced	1,843,705 tons	1,843,705	1,847,848 tons	1,847,848

The value of minerals exported and of the coal used in the Dominion, which is shown in table No. 1 accompanying this Statement, amounted to £3,431,391, as against £4,424,689 during the previous year.

It is gratifying to report that there has been a marked advance in the stone-quarrying industry, the number of such operations under the Stone-quarries Act being 241 during the year, as compared with 219 during 1919. The value of material quarried during 1920 was £314,470. The value of the 1919 output was not furnished by quarry-owners.

GOLD AND SILVER MINING.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of bullion-production, the dividends paid by registered companies, and the number of productive claims and gold-dredges during 1920 and 1919:—

Class of Gold-mining.	Production of Bullion.				Dividends paid by Registered Companies.		Number of Productive Claims and Dredges.	
	1920.		1919.		1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£	£	£		
Quartz	451,122	415,868	555,666	574,020	100,981	118,831	23	37
Alluvial ..	16,576	77,777	20,620	80,273	4,445	2,068	122	131
Dredging ..	6,952	34,672	12,376	47,838	..	2,845	12	19
Totals ..	474,650	528,317	588,662	702,131	105,426	123,744	157	187

As depth has been attained at many of the gold-quartz mines the value per ton of ore treated has declined, such value during 1920 being £1 15s. 10d., as compared with £2 0s. 1d. during the previous year. This, taken in conjunction with the increased cost of production at all mines, has seriously affected the industry in this Dominion and elsewhere.

MINERALS OTHER THAN GOLD AND SILVER.

Six parties, five of whom operated in Otago and Southland and one in Marlborough, were engaged in scheelite-mining, two of which also produced gold. From 1,883 tons of quartz crushed 39 tons 2 cwt. of tungsten concentrates was obtained, some of which is held for an improved market.

Three parties were employed at cinnabar-mining operations near Puhipuhi, North Auckland, one of which, the New Zealand Quicksilver-mines (Limited), produced 3,675 lb. of quicksilver, valued at £1,378. The other parties were employed