

1925.
NEW ZEALAND.

MINES STATEMENT

BY THE HON. G. J. ANDERSON, MINISTER OF MINES.

MR. SPEAKER,—

I have the honour to present to Parliament my fifth annual statement on the mining industry of the Dominion for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metalliferous mines, stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act, and of coal-mines during 1924 and 1923 :—

Mineral.	1924.		1923.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver*	652,855 oz.	£ 607,253	692,090 oz.	£ 737,170
Tungsten-ore	3 tons	126	5 ⁹ / ₁₀ tons	218
Iron	630 „	4,725	..	..
Stone	..	373,827	..	370,995
Pumice	1,629 „	4,956	3,716 tons	10,029
Coal	2,083,207 „	2,083,207	1,969,834 „	1,969,834
Totals	..	£3,074,094	..	£3,088,246

* The gold-silver bullion is generally exported unseparated.

The value of minerals, including kauri-gum, exported and of the coal used in the Dominion, which is shown in table No. 1 accompanying this statement, amounted to £3,237,331, as compared with £3,423,927 during 1923. The total value of such minerals exported to the end of 1924 amounted to £156,505,515.