

The following statement shows the tons of coal raised, persons employed, lives lost by accidents in or about collieries, &c., to 1926.

Year.	Output, in Statute Tons.	Persons ordinarily employed.			Tons raised per each Person employed below Ground.	Lives lost by Accidents in or about Collieries.		
		Above Ground.	Below Ground.	Total.		Per Million Tons produced.	Per Thousand Persons employed.	Number of Lives lost.
Prior to 1900	13,444,437	*	*	*	*	*	*	165
1900 ..	1,093,990	617	1,843	2,460	593	3·65	1·62	4
1901 ..	1,239,686	688	2,066	2,754	600	2·42	1·09	3
1902 ..	1,365,040	803	2,082	2,885	655	1·46	0·69	2
1903 ..	1,420,229	717	2,135	2,852	665	2·81	1·40	4
1904 ..	1,537,838	763	2,525	3,288	609	2·60	1·21	4
1905 ..	1,585,756	833	2,436	3,269	651	3·78	1·83	6
1906 ..	1,729,536	1,174	2,518	3,692	687	3·46	1·62	6
1907 ..	1,831,009	1,143	2,767	3,910	662	6·55	3·07	12
1908 ..	1,860,975	992	2,902	3,894	641	2·68	1·28	5
1909 ..	1,911,247	1,159	3,032	4,191	630	3·66	1·67	7
1910 ..	2,197,362	1,136	3,463	4,599	634	7·28	3·48	16
1911 ..	2,066,073	1,365	2,925	4,290	706	6·77	3·26	14
1912 ..	2,177,615	1,130	3,198	4,328	681	4·13	2·08	9
1913 ..	1,888,005	1,053	3,197	4,250	590	3·18	1·41	6
1914 ..	2,275,614	1,176	3,558	4,734	639	21·53	10·35	49†
1915 ..	2,208,624	1,050	3,106	4,156	711	4·07	2·16	9
1916 ..	2,257,135	988	3,000	3,988	752	2·65	1·50	6
1917 ..	2,068,419	1,090	2,893	3,983	715	1·93	1·00	4
1918 ..	2,034,250	1,102	2,892	3,994	703	2·95	1·50	6
1919 ..	1,847,848	1,095	2,849	3,944	648	5·41	2·53	10
1920 ..	1,843,705	1,152	2,926	4,078	630	0·54	0·24	1
1921 ..	1,809,095	1,218	3,149	4,367	574	5·52	2·28	10
1922 ..	1,857,819	1,191	3,365	4,556	552	3·23	1·31	6
1923 ..	1,969,834	1,353	3,647	5,000	540	2·53	1·00	5
1924 ..	2,083,207	1,364	3,505	4,869	594	4·80	2·05	10
1925 ..	2,114,995	1,288	3,489	4,777	606	3·78	1·67	8
1926 ..	2,239,999	1,336	3,823	5,159	586	6·69	2·90	15
Totals ..	63,959,342	..	..	..	..	..	..	402

* For returns for previous years see page 32, Mines Statement, 1921. † Year of Ralph's (Huntly) explosion.

SECTION III.—ACCIDENTS.

The following is a summary of accidents in and about coal-mines during 1926, with their causes :—

	Fatal Accidents.		Serious Non-fatal Accidents.	
	Number of Separate Fatal Accidents.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Separate Non-fatal Accidents.	Number of Persons injured, including those injured by Accidents which proved Fatal to their Companions.
Explosions of fire-damp or coal-dust ..	1	9	1	1
Falls of ground	3	3	13	13
Explosives	..	..	..	..
Haulage	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous—Underground ..	2	2	6	6
On surface	..	..	1	1
Totals	7	15	22	22

The fatal accidents for the year were at the rate of 2·90 per thousand persons employed and 6·69 per million tons of coal produced.

The following is a short account of the fatal accidents :—

At Millerton Mine, on the 20th January, a miner named John Brown went back into his working-place after a shot had been fired and commenced to trim down the face, when a piece of top coal fell and struck him on the head, fracturing the base of his skull and his neck. The verdict at the inquest was that no blame was attachable to any one.

In the Millerton Mine, on the 20th May, John Evans, a deputy, was struck by a runaway truck, and died on the same day from the injuries he received. Deceased was standing near the foot of a jig waiting till a race was run. The jig was about 4 chains long. When the race got over the brow