

APPENDICES TO THE MINES STATEMENT.

APPENDIX A.

REPORTS RELATING TO METALLIFEROUS MINES AND
STONE-QUARRIES.

The INSPECTING ENGINEER OF MINES to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES.

SIR,—

Wellington, 8th July, 1927.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

In accordance with the usual practice, the tables showing expenditure on roads, bridges, tracks, prospecting operations, &c., are for the period covered by the financial year—viz., from the 1st April, 1926, to the 31st March, 1927.

The reports, &c., are divided into the following sections :—

- I. Minerals produced and exported.
- II. Persons employed.
- III. Accidents.
- IV. Gold-mining.
 - (1) Quartz-mining.
 - (2) Dredge Mining.
 - (3) Alluvial Mining.
- V. Minerals other than Gold.
- VI. Stone-quarry Inspection and Statistics.
- VII. State Aid to Mining.
 - (1) Subsidized Prospecting.
 - (2) Government Prospecting-drills.
 - (3) Subsidized Roads on Goldfields.
 - (4) Government Water-races.
 - (5) Schools of Mines.

Annexures :—

- (A) Summary of Reports by Inspectors of Mines.
- (B) Summary of Report by Water-race Manager.
- (C) Summary of Report by Inspector of Quarries.
- (D) Mining Statistics.

I. MINERALS PRODUCED AND EXPORTED.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metal-mines and of stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act during 1926 and 1925 :—

Mineral.	1926.		1925.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Gold and silver (estimated)	554,529	539,302	625,626	546,026
Platinum	31	313	..	..
	Tons cwt.		Tons cwt.	
Tungsten-ore	9 1	475	1 15	64
Iron	3,997 0	19,585	1,289 0	8,701
Stone	..	516,075	..	463,667
Pumice	2,358 0	8,081	2,532 0	7,672
Sulphur	594 0	5,217	269 0	1,154
Totals	..	1,089,048	..	1,027,284