

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, 1st June, 1928.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

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, 1927, to the 31st March, 1928.

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 Inspector of Quarries.
- (C) 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 1927 and 1926 :—

Mineral.	1927.		1926.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Gold and silver (estimated)	506,420	550,166	554,529	539,302
Platinum	33	231	31	313
	Tons. cwt.		Tons. cwt.	
Tungsten-ore	6 9	445	9 1	475
Iron	3,383 0	17,761	3,997 0	19,585
Stone	..	570,369	..	516,075
Pumice	1,733 0	6,230	2,358 0	8,081
Sulphur	469 0	3,375	594 0	5,217
Quicksilver	0 14	462	..	..
Totals	..	1,149,039	..	1,089,048

The following statement shows the value of New Zealand minerals (other than coal) exported from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1927 :—

	1927.	1926.	Increase or Decrease.	Total from the January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1927.
	£	£	£	£
Gold	534,639	516,207	Inc. 18,432	92,938,038
Silver	42,589	51,236	Dec. 8,647	3,059,249
Tungsten-ore	821	998	.. 177	305,944
Kauri-gum	278,632	332,765	.. 54,133	22,134,383
Sand, lime, and building-stone	6,421	8,294	.. 1,873 }	528,100
Other minerals	215	1,467	.. 1,252 }	
Totals	863,317	910,967	Dec. 47,650	118,965,714