

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, 1929.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

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, 1928, to the 31st March, 1929.

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) 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 the value of the production from stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act during 1928 and 1927 :—

Mineral.	1928.		1927.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Gold and silver (estimated)	532,914	551,242	506,420	550,166
Platinum	35	263	33	231
Osmiridium	$\frac{1}{2}$	10	..	..
	Tons. cwt.		Tons. cwt.	
Tungsten-ore	6 4	432	6 9	445
Iron	6,362 0	31,802	3,383 0	17,761
Stone	..	461,890	..	570,369
Pumice	2,301 0	8,280	1,733 0	6,230
Sulphur	719 0	8,200	469 0	3,375
Quicksilver	..	..	0 14	462
Totals	..	1,062,119	..	1,149,039