

MINERAL PRODUCTION.

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 1930 and 1929 :—

Mineral.	1930.		1929.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver*	639,795 oz.	£ 550,978	571,320 oz.	£ 527,340
Platinum	2½ „	16	7 „	36
Tungsten-ore.. ..	23½ tons	1,207	22½ tons	2,613
Sulphur	849 „	13,261	967 „	13,918
Iron	8,075 „	40,375	4,393 „	21,965
Stone	..	413,291	..	479,199
Pumice	2,559 „	8,472	2,242 „	8,298
Coal	2,542,092 „	2,542,092	2,535,864 „	2,535,864
Silica-sand	53½ „	27	318 „	159
Quicksilver	1½ „	1,080	..	..
Totals	..	£3,570,799	..	£3,589,392

* 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 £3,339,285, as compared with £3,337,871 during 1929. The total value of such minerals exported to the end of 1930 amounted to £176,142,551.

GOLD AND SILVER MINING.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of bullion-production, the dividends paid by registered companies, and the number of productive claims and gold-dredges during 1930 and 1929 :—

Class of Gold-mining.	Production of Bullion.				Dividends paid by Registered Companies.		Number of Productive Claims and Dredges.	
	1930.		1929.		1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£	£	£		
Quartz	620,303	472,841	548,689	437,287	100,908	100,906	26	26
Alluvial	8,954	35,067	9,807	37,822	805	490	306	252
Dredging	10,538	43,070	12,824	52,231	..	1,641	3	5
Totals	639,795	550,978	571,320	527,340	101,713	103,037	335	283

COAL-MINING.

The output of the several classes of coal mined in each inspection district is summarized as follows :—

Class of Coal.	Output of Coal during 1930.				Total Output to the End of 1930.
	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Total.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and sub-bituminous	140,911	1,241,964	..	1,382,875	44,569,085
Brown	625,401	43,710	377,566	1,046,677	24,813,231
Lignite	..	397	112,143	112,540	4,440,475
Totals for 1930	766,312	1,286,071	489,709	2,542,092	73,840,791
Totals for 1929	769,858	1,290,008	475,998	2,535,864	71,298,699