

(e) ELECTRICITY AT COLLIERIES.

(Regulation 243.)

The following is a summary of the annual returns, in accordance with Regulation 243 (c), regarding electrical apparatus at collieries :—

Number of collieries at which electrical apparatus is installed	52
Number of continuous-current installations	11
Number of alternating-current installations	42
Number of collieries electrically lighted	39
Number of collieries using electrical ventilating-machines	41
Number of collieries using electrical pumping plants	33
Number of collieries using electrical haulage plants	37
Number of collieries using electrical screening plants	19
Number of collieries using electrical miscellaneous plants	23
Number of collieries using electrical locomotives	1
Total horse-power employed from motors on surface	7,092
Total horse-power employed from motors below ground	4,636

(f) PROSECUTIONS.

Twenty-five informations were laid by the District Inspectors during the year for breaches of the Coal-mines Act and Regulations; two informations were dismissed, two were withdrawn, and twenty-one convictions were obtained. Accounts of the individual prosecutions are given in the reports of the District Inspectors (Annexure A).

SECTION V.—LEGISLATION AFFECTING COAL-MINES.

There were no amendments to the Coal-mines Act or to the Regulations during the year.

The District Inspectors of Coal-mines particularly regret the loss of their late Chief Inspector, Mr. J. A. C. Bayne, and I desire to record his unfailing interest in all mining matters and the assistance he readily gave to mining men.

I have, &c.,

G. DUGGAN,

Inspecting Engineer and Chief Inspector of Coal-mines.