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STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORT ON THE WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935.

Prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 184 of the Coal-mines Act, 1925.

The SUPERINTENDENT, State Coal-mines, Greymouth, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Mines Department, Wellington.

SIR,— 2nd May, 1935.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the workings of the State Coal-mines for the year ended 31st March, 1935.

LIVERPOOL COLLIERY.

Coal-winning.—The gross total output for the year was 102,484 tons 3 cwt., an increase of 8,715 tons 10 cwt. when compared with the figures of the previous year. After making allowances for stocks on hand at the beginning of the year and deducting mine consumption and waste, there remained for disposal 102,204 tons 4 cwt., which is accounted for as follows:—

—	Screened.	Unscreened.	Small.	Total.
	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Shipped	967 8 0	10,470 13 3	34,011 0 2	45,449 2 1
Railed Canterbury ..	23,967 1 3	5,661 9 3	15,562 1 2	45,190 13 0
Local sales	2,975 10 0	258 1 0	3,042 4 2	6,275 15 2
Mine sales	..	11 0 0	..	11 0 0
Sales to workmen and free issues	..	1,718 18 0	..	1,718 18 0
Stock in bin and yard ..	84 0 0	3,004 5 1	400 0 0	3,488 5 1
Stock on wharf	..	..	70 10 0	70 10 0
	27,993 19 3	21,124 7 3	53,085 16 2	102,204 4 0
Used on works	..	4,150 0 0	..	4,150 0 0
Waste	..	1,454 3 0	..	1,454 3 0
Totals	27,993 19 3	26,728 10 3	53,085 16 2	107,808 7 0

The gross total output from this colliery since its inception amounts to 2,612,946 tons 4 cwt.

Days worked.—During the year the colliery worked on 142½ days, an increase of 16½ days when compared with the previous year. The possible working-days, excluding pay Saturdays and union holidays, were 272. The difference between the days worked and the possible working-days is accounted for as follows: Lack of trade, 84; back Saturdays, 26; disputes *re* starting of boys, 2; shipping strike, 5; funerals, 4; May Day, 1; St. Patrick's Day, 1; dispute *re* curves versus flatsheets, 5; dispute *re* timbering by deputies, 1; fatal accident, ½.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 314, made up as follows: Underground—Coal-hewers, 97; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 135; boys, 2. On the surface—64 men and 16 boys.

Expenditure.—The total expenditure in connection with coal-winning for wages, stores, mine timber, and compensation, together with subsidies on railway tickets and cost of fuel used on works, amounted to £69,773 8s. 8d., as compared with £64,642 3s. 4d. for the previous year.

Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £1 12s., and, after deducting stores (explosives), their net return was £1 8s. 10½d., a reduction of ½d. per day when compared with the figures of last year.

Daily Output.—The average daily mine output was 719 tons 4 cwt., and the coal-hewers' average daily output 7 tons 17 cwt., as compared with 744 tons 4 cwt. and 7 tons 13 cwt. respectively for the previous year.

Deficiencies.—The total amount paid under the minimum-wage clause during the year was 9s. 4d.

Accidents.—In addition to a number of minor accidents, it is to be regretted that two fatalities occurred during the year, both of which were caused by falls of coal when working at the coal-face. The total payments made under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act amounted to

£3,799 8s. 4d., as compared with £3,032 10s. 10d. for the previous year. On the output produced this works out to a cost of 8·90d. per ton.

Underground Workings.—Coal-winning operations have been carried out on similar lines to those of the previous year—namely, the extending of workings in the solid in the Anderson, Kimbell East, and Morgan West Sections, and the extraction of pillars from the other sections of the mine. Operations in the Anderson Section consisted of developing areas to the dip and rise from the main east level. In the workings to the dip, the seam maintains an average thickness of about 8 ft., but in the area to the rise it gradually thins as the workings are extended in an easterly direction towards Davey Creek Fault. In the Kimbell East Section development work is still confined to a small area to the rise, in what is known as No. 8 Bank. This seam, in the places that are being extended in a northerly direction, varies between 7 ft. and 8 ft. in thickness, but as the levels are extended in an easterly direction the seam gradually thins and becomes unworkable. Development work in the Morgan Seam consists of extending the No. 3 Bank West workings in the direction of the barrier between the No. 1 and No. 2 Mines. Pillar-extraction in this section continues to be carried out in a satisfactory manner, good roof conditions enabling practically complete extraction. In a few pillar places in the Kimbell Seam a fair percentage is lost in the process of extraction, due to the seam being exceptionally thick and the upper portion intersected with bands of stone.

Stone-dusting.—Work under this head has been regularly carried out. The number of samples analysed from the various zones at this colliery was 489. In addition to the latter, 108 samples were analysed from co-operative mines.

Plant and Machinery.—The whole of the plant, machinery, and buildings have been maintained in good order and condition, and during the year the following new buildings and plant have been erected: A new mine tub weighbridge at the Middle Brake and a concrete building to house same. The erection of new stables in concrete, containing seven stalls and a feed-house. The construction of a new viaduct to replace one that had to be demolished on the haulage road near the upper Rewanui Township. Two double huts and one single hut have been erected for the housing of workmen, and others are in the course of erection. A new track was constructed from near the Middle Brake to give access to the township. Formerly, the residents had to travel through a tunnel 7 chains in length. A pair of Tangye engines to operate the cable-car have been erected, but so far the housing of same is not completed. A considerable amount of work was carried out in repairing the concrete retaining-wall near the No. 2 Mine, also in protecting the banks of the Seven-mile Creek below the Middle Brake Power-house, which had been damaged by flood-water.

Exploratory Work.—In my previous reports reference was made to the work that had been carried out by drilling and surface prospecting on that portion of the State coal reserve between the Nine-mile and Ten-mile Creeks.

During the year the diamond drilling plant was transported over the ridge between the Nine-mile and Kiwi Creeks, a distance of approximately 70 chains, over very rugged country.

A hole was drilled on the banks of Kiwi Creek to a depth of 534 ft., and in the drilling of this hole two seams were passed through at the following depths: The upper seam at 404 ft. and the second seam at 519 ft. The former, which was 12 ft. 6 in. in thickness, was split up with stone bands, but the second seam, also 12 ft. 6 in. in thickness, consisted of clean, hard coal.

On the completion of this hole, another site was selected 15 chains upstream in Kiwi Creek, where a hole was drilled to a depth of 624 ft.

In the drilling of the latter two seams were passed through at the following depths: The upper seam, 17 ft. in thickness, at 481 ft., and the second seam, 14 ft. in thickness, at 604 ft.; both these seams consisted of clean, hard coal.

All work in connection with prospecting on this portion of the reserve is suspended in the meantime.

James Colliery.

Coal-winning.—The gross total output for the year was 26,845 tons 2 cwt., a reduction of 6,848 tons 14 cwt. when compared with the figures of last year. After making allowances for stocks on hand at the beginning of the year and deducting mine consumption and waste, there remained for disposal 32,136 tons 11 cwt. 1 qr., which is accounted for as follows:—

—	Screened.	Unscreened and Nuts.	Small.	Slack.	Total.
	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Shipped	8,595 9 1	1,890 9 2	..	9,606 10 2	20,092 9 1
Rail to Canterbury ..	5,205 11 1	1,501 1 2	805 15 0	386 7 3	7,898 15 2
Local sales	105 12 2	..	..	13 5 1	118 17 3
Mine sales	..	7 10 0	..	..	7 10 0
Sold to workmen and free issues	..	500 13 2	..	..	500 13 2
Stock in bin and yard..	25 0 0	50 0 0	..	200 0 0	275 0 0
Stock on wharf ..	39 1 1	21 12 0	..	..	60 13 1
Stock in dump ..	..	..	..	3,182 12 0	3,182 12 0
	13,970 14 1	3,971 6 2	805 15 0	13,388 15 2	32,136 11 1
Used on works ..	..	226 0 0	..	..	226 0 0
Waste	..	654 2 0	..	..	654 2 0
Totals ..	13,970 14 1	4,851 8 2	805 15 0	13,388 15 2	33,016 13 1

The gross total output from this colliery since its inception amounts to 414,377 tons 16 cwt.

Days worked.—The mine during the year worked on 140¾ days, this being 28¼ days less than the previous year. The possible working-days, exclusive of pay Saturdays and union holidays, were 272. The difference between those worked and the possible working-days is accounted for as follows: Lack of trade, 91; back Saturdays, 26; shipping strike, 5; funerals, 4; May Day, 1; St. Patrick's Day, 1; breakdown of power-supply, 1; breakdown to screens, ¼ day; dispute *re* curves versus flatsheets, 2.

Employees.—In connection with the coal-winning the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 85, made up as follows: Underground—Coal-hewers, 30; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 31; boys, 2. On the surface—16 men and 6 boys. In addition to those employed under the heading of coal-winning an average of 6 men were employed on boring and prospecting work on the reserve.

Expenditure.—The total expenditure in connection with coal-winning for wages, stores, mine timber, and compensation, together with subsidy on bus fares, cost of electric power, and coal used on works, amounted to £16,648 3s. 8d., as compared with £19,316 1s. 3d. for the previous year. In addition to the amount expended on coal-winning, £1,145 18s. 10d. was expended on drilling and prospecting on the reserve in the Nine-mile Creek Valley.

Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £1 8s. 1d.; and, after deducting stores (explosives), their net return was £1 2s. 1d.—a reduction of 4d. per day when compared with the previous year.

Daily Output.—The average daily mine output was 190 tons 15 cwt., and the coal-hewers' average daily output was 6 tons 16 cwt., as compared with 199 tons 7 cwt. and 6 tons 14 cwt. respectively for the previous year.

Deficiencies.—The total amount paid under the minimum-wage clause during the year was £4 6s. 1d.

Accidents.—During the year there were a few minor accidents, but none of a serious nature. The total payments made under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act amounted to £134 13s. 6d. On the output produced the cost is 1·26d. per ton.

Underground Workings.—Operations at this mine during the year consisted of developing an area in what is known as the New Dip Section, and the extraction of pillars from the other sections.

In the New Dip Section, where workings are being extended in the solid, the seam in most of the places worked is of good quality and thickness. There are places, however, where the lower 2 ft. of the seam is inclined to be soft and friable, and, where possible, this is allowed to remain.

Pillar-extraction has been completed on the West Section of the Haulage Road and the pillared area sealed off with concrete stoppings.

In the South Level Section where pillars are being extracted the seam is somewhat variable, due to the intrusion of stone rolls and occasional intersections of bands of stone. There are also several pillars in this section which, owing to the friable nature of the coal, will have to remain unworked.

Pillar-extraction is now in progress in what is known as the Cross-cut Dip Section. Overlying this section is Cannell Creek, and it therefore means that it will not allow of complete extraction of all the pillars, as blocks will require to be left to support the roof under the creek herein referred to.

Stone-dusting.—Work under this head is regularly carried out. One hundred and nineteen samples, taken from the various zones in the mine, were analysed.

Plant and Machinery.—Although the plant, machinery, and buildings have been maintained in good order and condition, it must be pointed out that the water at this mine is very destructive to pipes, pumps, and rails, necessitating constant repairs and renewals.

The quantity of water to be dealt with is not by any means excessive, but it is so destructive that the pumps have to be frequently sent out of the mine to be overhauled at the colliery workshops, also pipes that are eaten through in places are cut and rethreaded, in order to use any good parts left.

General.

Although the output and days worked at the Liverpool Colliery shows an increase when compared with the figures of last year, it will be seen there is a decided reduction, both in output and days, worked at the James Mine.

The coal produced from the James Mine is chiefly used for household purposes, and through the exceptionally warm weather experienced during the latter portion of the year there was very little demand for this class of fuel.

In conclusion, permit me to say that all the officers have performed their duties in a loyal and efficient manner, and I am also indebted to yourself for valuable services rendered in connection with several matters concerning the mines.

I have, &c.,

I. A. James, Superintendent.

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES.

Colliery Sales Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1935.

Dr.	Liverpool.	James.	*Cr.*	Liverpool.	James.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Railway haulage.. ..	8,178 19 8	3,007 12 6	By Sales of coal, f.o.r., f.o.b., and c.i.f.	110,744 8 8	34,885 6 6
Wharfage	1,687 14 6	735 6 9			
Special rate	562 11 6	245 2 3			
Marine freight	22,369 12 7	10,685 3 4			
	32,798 18 3	14,673 4 10			
To Working Account—Sales of coal net f.o.r.	77,945 10 5	20,212 1 8			
	£110,744 8 8	£34,885 6 6		£110,744 8 8	£34,885 6 6

Colliery Working Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1935.

Dr.	Liverpool.	James.	*Cr.*	Liverpool.	James.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Stocks on hand, 1st April, 1934	4,553 3 11	720 15 9	By Sales Account—Sales of coal net f.o.r.	77,945 10 5	20,212 1 8
Coal-winning—			Sales of stores, &c. ..	4,005 16 2	..
Wages	51,900 15 10	13,144 11 7	Stocks on hand at 31st March, 1935, at mine, wharf, and afloat	2,757 2 11	441 6 5
Stores and materials used	4,981 10 6	615 4 3			
Railways and bus fares ..	459 3 11	228 8 6			
Stores sales (at cost) ..	3,659 12 8	..			
Coal purchased ..	52 2 5	40 9 5			
Electric power ..	..	407 7 8			
	65,606 9 3	15,156 17 2			
To Gross profit—To Profit and Loss Account	19,102 0 3	5,496 10 11			
	£84,708 9 6	£20,653 8 1		£84,708 9 6	£20,653 8 1

Colliery Profit and Loss Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1935.

Dr.	Liverpool.	James.	*Cr.*	Liverpool.	James.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Salaries	2,757 0 8	872 14 4	By Gross profit at mine ..	19,102 0 3	5,496 10 11
Rents	..	56 10 8	Rents	440 14 6	..
Interest	2,997 19 5	742 2 9	Net loss—Transferred to General Profit and Loss Account	..	724 13 8
Travelling-expenses ..	83 18 4	20 19 7			
Printing and stationery ..	88 15 10	22 3 11			
Repairs and maintenance..	3,671 18 8	1,442 16 0			
Telegrams and postages ..	156 16 3	39 4 1			
Insurance	2,578 9 9	638 12 8			
Coal-miners' Relief Fund..	210 9 6	54 11 4			
General expenses ..	451 9 10	133 8 9			
Audit fees	135 5 7	33 16 5			
Superannuation Fund subsidy	92 10 1	23 2 7			
Depreciation	4,021 12 0	2,141 1 6			
	17,246 5 11	6,221 4 7			
Net profit — Transferred to General Profit and Loss Account	2,296 8 10	..			
	£19,542 14 9	£6,221 4 7		£19,542 14 9	£6,221 4 7

MacDonald Colliery Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1935.

Dr.	£ s. d.	*Cr.*	£ s. d.
To Interest	2,112 4 8	By Rents	250 18 9
Depreciation	1,204 1 5	Royalties	4,420 6 10
Legal expenses	165 16 0		
	3,482 2 1		
Net profit—Transferred to General Profit and Loss Account	1,189 3 6		
	£4,671 5 7		£4,671 5 7

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—*continued.*

Depot Trading Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1935.

Dr.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Wanganui.	Cr.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Wanganui.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Stocks on hand, 1st April, 1934 ..	1,789 13 11	5,458 1 10	345 12 0	By Sales of coal	90,173 10 5	43,514 9 10	1,570 19 7
Purchases of coal	83,654 8 4	22,321 12 11	1,087 0 7	Sales of coke, wood, &c.	3,937 6 7	1,275 7 4	114 3 8
Purchases of firewood, coke, &c. ..	3,558 9 8	1,069 9 5	38 17 3	Stocks on hand at 31st March, 1935—			
Wharfage and freights	876 1 11	4 7 2	11 11 3	Coal	2,380 18 5	3,279 9 0	..
Haulage to depot	633 8 3	13,852 2 1	6 17 5	Firewood, coke, &c.	157 12 5	542 4 0	..
Wages—Discharging	151 4 9	204 2 1	..				
	90,663 6 10	42,909 15 6	1,489 18 6				
Gross profit — To Profit and Loss Account	5,986 1 0	5,701 14 8	195 4 9				
	£96,649 7 10	£48,611 10 2	£1,685 3 3		£96,649 7 10	£48,611 10 2	£1,685 3 3

Depot Profit and Loss Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1935.

Dr.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Wanganui.	Cr.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Wanganui.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Wages	600 12 8	901 18 6	71 15 4	By Gross profit from Trading Account ..	5,986 1 0	5,701 14 8	195 4 9
Salaries	1,425 10 11	1,219 14 9	85 14 3	Net loss—To General Profit and Loss Account	..	..	314 1 7
Rents	388 16 0	123 12 0	21 11 2				
Interest	296 3 2	115 3 6	3 6 3				
Travelling expenses and allowances	85 6 6	82 13 6	35 3 9				
Repairs and maintenance	216 15 4	189 16 8	42 12 2				
Postages and telegrams	61 5 0	51 5 3	9 11 1				
Printing and stationery	56 4 8	62 8 4	4 3 9				
Insurances	21 11 1	27 19 4	5 19 4				
Cartage	1,125 3 11	1,242 14 7	49 13 5				
Sacks	76 13 7	111 0 9	11 3 0				
General expenses	250 13 3	92 10 9	41 11 4				
Audit fees	65 14 0	59 8 0	28 16 0				
Superannuation Fund subsidy ..	25 9 0	25 9 0	2 0 2				
Reserve for bad debts	26 8 10	9 15 10	75 14 1				
Depreciation	996 4 10	422 14 9	20 11 3				
	5,718 12 9	4,738 5 6	509 6 4				
Net profit—To General Profit and Loss Account	267 8 3	963 9 2	..				
	£5,986 1 0	£5,701 14 8	£509 6 4		£5,986 1 0	£5,701 14 8	£509 6 4

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General Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1935.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	*Cr.*	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Net loss—			By Net profit—		
James Colliery	724 13 8		Liverpool Colliery	2,296 8 10	
Wanganui Depot	314 1 7		MacDonald Colliery ..	1,189 3 6	
		1,038 15 3	Wellington Depot	267 8 3	
Balance—Net profit for year carried down ..		13,005 8 5	Christchurch Depot ..	963 9 2	
					4,716 9 9
			Net recoveries—		
			Seddonville Colliery ..	18 15 5	
			Royalties	4,464 5 9	
					4,483 1 2
			Net revenue from hire of plant, buildings, &c...		25 3 10
			Interest on investments		4,819 8 11
		£14,044 3 8			£14,044 3 8

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Sinking Fund Account for redemption of loan capital	8,509 19 1	By Net profit for year	13,005 8 5
Balance—Net surplus for year	4,495 9 4		
	£13,005 8 5		£13,005 8 5

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—*continued*.

STATEMENT OF COLLIERY PROPERTY ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935.

—	Liverpool.		James.		MacDonald.		Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Development and property—							
Balance at 1st April, 1934	41,042 15 0		10,688 13 0		51,292 7 9		
Additions during the year	6 12 11		..		..		
	41,049 7 11						
Depreciation	999 12 11		1,169 13 3		1,134 1 5		
		40,049 15 0		9,518 19 9		50,158 6 4	99,727 1 1
Electrical plant—							
Balance at 1st April, 1934	..		3,713 3 11		..		
Additions during the year	..		160 10 9		..		
			3,873 14 8		..		
Transfers to other accounts	..		71 0 0		..		
			3,802 14 8		..		
Depreciation	..		289 9 8		..		
			3,513 5 0		..		
Provisionally written off	..		6 3 5		..		
		..		3,507 1 7		..	3,507 1 7
Machinery, plant, ropes, and rolling-stock—							
Balance at 1st April, 1934	25,990 12 11		3,471 3 6		..		
Additions during the year	959 5 9		513 12 5		..		
Transfers from other accounts	247 19 9		27 3 8		..		
	27,197 18 5		4,011 19 7		..		
Transfers to other accounts	244 12 5		31 10 10		..		
	26,953 6 0		3,980 8 9		..		
Sales	53 1 8		8 10 0		..		
	26,900 4 4		3,971 18 9		..		
Depreciation	2,268 4 11		571 7 9		..		
		24,631 19 5		3,400 11 0		..	28,032 10 5
Buildings—							
Balance at 1st April, 1934	4,163 14 5		1,217 11 10		..		
Additions during the year	698 15 1		..		..		
	4,862 9 6		..		..		
Depreciation	324 4 5		104 7 5		..		
	4,538 5 1		..		..		
Provisionally written off	90 0 0		..		..		
		4,448 5 1		1,113 4 5		..	5,561 9 6
Carried forward	..	69,129 19 6		17,539 16 9		50,158 6 4	136,828 2 7

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—*continued.*

STATEMENT OF COLLIERY PROPERTY ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935—*continued.*

—	Liverpool.		James.		MacDonald.		Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	..	69,129 19 6	..	17,539 16 9	..	50,158 6 4	136,828 2 7
Cottages—							
Balance at 1st April, 1934	2,812 3 7		..		1,107 1 4		
Additions during the year	409 16 7		..		..		
	3,222 0 2		..		..		
Transfers to other accounts	6 12 6		..		..		
	3,215 7 8		..		..		
Depreciation	339 9 9		..		70 0 0		
		2,875 17 11		..		1,037 1 4	3,912 19 3
Plantations—Balance at 1st April, 1934	1,206 15 10		..		746 0 1		
Recoveries during the year	141 13 0		..		29 4 10		
		1,065 2 10		..		716 15 3	1,781 18 1
Coal (stock on hand, at bins and wharf, and afloat)	..	2,757 2 11	..	441 6 5	..	..	3,198 9 4
Stores (stock on hand)	7,847 8 9		..		..		
Provisionally written off	32 8 0		..		..		
		7,815 0 9		..		..	7,815 0 9
		£83,643 3 11		£17,981 3 2		£51,912 2 11	£153,536 10 0

STATEMENT OF DEPOT PROPERTY ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935.

—	Wellington.		Christchurch.		Wanganui.		Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Property—							
Balance at 1st April, 1934	7,531 7 0		2,827 2 8		330 15 9		
Additions and transfers from other depots during the year	17 18 7		254 2 10		3 3 9		
	7,549 5 7		3,081 5 6		333 19 6		
Sales and transfers to other depots	..		..		49 7 7		
					284 11 11		
Depreciation	995 14 10		422 14 9		17 0 4		
	6,553 10 9		2,658 10 9		267 11 7		
Provisionally written off	0 10 0		..		3 10 11		
		6,553 0 9		2,658 10 9		264 0 8	9,475 12 2
Stocks and stores	2,782 18 5		4,699 11 6		..		
Provisionally written off	170 3 0		808 6 6		..		
		2,612 15 5		3,891 5 0		..	6,504 0 5
		£9,165 16 2		£6,549 15 9		£264 0 8	£15,979 12 7

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BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935.

Liabilities.

	Departmental. £ s. d.	Sundry. £ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Loan capital—				
Loans at 3½ per cent.			416 13 4	
Loans at 4 per cent.			105,416 13 4	
				105,833 6 8
Accrued interest on loan capital	..	..	..	426 4 0
Sundry creditors—				
Liverpool Colliery	222 11 5	5,944 7 10	6,166 19 3	
James Colliery	66 10 1	5,385 19 5	5,452 9 6	
MacDonald Colliery	..	165 16 0	165 16 0	
Wellington Depot	13 11 5	463 3 4	476 14 9	
Christchurch Depot	508 19 7	214 4 2	723 3 9	
	811 12 6	12,173 10 9		12,985 3 3
Deposits on contracts	..	..	..	1,100 0 0
Sinking Fund	..	..	..	8,590 13 8
Reserves—				
General Reserve			169,109 9 7	
Bad Debts Reserve			828 19 1	
Accident Insurance Reserve			6,161 10 9	
				176,099 19 5
General Profit and Loss Account—				
Net surplus for year	..	..	..	4,495 9 4
				£309,530 16 4

Assets.

	Departmental. £ s. d.	Sundry. £ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Collieries—				
Development and Property Accounts			99,727 1 1	
Machinery, plant, ropes, and rolling-stock			28,032 10 5	
Electrical plant (James Colliery)			3,507 1 7	
Buildings at mines			5,561 9 6	
Cottages at mines			3,912 19 3	
Plantations at mines			1,781 18 1	
Coal stocks (bins, wharf, and afloat)			3,198 9 4	
Stores on hand			7,815 0 9	
				153,536 10 0
Plant, equipment, &c., on hire	..	..	..	790 1 5
Depots—				
Property Accounts			9,475 12 2	
Stocks and stores on hand			6,504 0 5	
				15,979 12 7
Prospecting on State Coal Reserve	..	..	..	8,503 10 6
Sinking Fund investments	..	..	..	8,590 13 8
Housing advances to workmen			8,134 12 2	
Interest accrued due			116 19 8	
				8,251 11 10
Investments (ordinary)			62,800 0 0	
Interest accrued due			276 14 7	
				63,076 14 7
Sundry debtors—				
Liverpool Colliery	11 14 0	3,178 11 6	3,190 5 6	
James Colliery	..	29 7 1	29 7 1	
MacDonald Colliery	..	2,392 17 10	2,392 17 10	
Wellington Depot	446 19 1	33,091 16 8	33,538 15 9	
Christchurch Depot	4 11 6	2,310 19 10	2,315 11 4	
	463 4 7	41,003 12 11	41,466 17 6	
Less provisionally written off	..	..	37 8 11	
				41,429 8 7
Cash in Receiver-General's Deposit Account	..	..	..	1,100 0 0
Cash in Public Account	..	..	..	8,272 13 2
				£309,530 16 4

State Coal-mines Office, Wellington,
A. W. GYLES, A.R.A.N.Z., Accountant.

CHAS. E. MACMILLAN, Minister of Mines.

I hereby certify that the attached Working and Profit and Loss Accounts of Depots and Collieries, General Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-shec thave been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby, subject to the comment that no charge for the cost of exchange on payments made in London is included in the account.—J. H. FOWLER, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General.

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—*continued*.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash in Public Account at 1st April, 1934				3,301	7	4
Proceeds sale of coal, &c. ..	179,736	1	0			
Recoveries, refunds, &c. ..	2,209	7	8			
Royalties	7,806	19	8			
				189,752	8	4
Contracts—Deposits				30	0	0
Interest				2,578	2	6
Dishonoured cheques recredited				76	10	5
Repayment of housing loans				773	15	10
				£196,512	4	5

Payments.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By James Colliery—						
Wages	12,652	12	9			
Special rate	241	12	0			
Coal purchased	33	16	2			
Subsidized bus-fares ..	225	3	6			
Electric power	423	17	11			
				13,577	2	4
Liverpool Colliery—						
Property and development ..	6	12	11			
Plant	37	7	5			
Buildings	424	2	6			
Cottages	111	11	9			
Stores and materials ..	12,960	15	6			
Wages	50,700	11	7			
Special rate	551	11	9			
Railway tickets	1,505	0	0			
Coal purchased	56	12	11			
				66,354	6	4
MacDonald Colliery	..			3	1	11
Prospecting on State Coal Reserve	1,379	4	7			
Seddonville Colliery Account ..	39	19	9			
Wellington Depot Account ..	10,266	15	3			
Christchurch Depot Account ..	21,546	10	0			
Wanganui Depot Account ..	621	3	4			
Coal purchased on account of depots (Suspense Account) ..	419	14	6			
Cargo adjustments (co-operative coal)	0	16	3			
				34,274	3	8
Superannuation Fund subsidy ..	..			168	10	10
Management and office salaries	5,352	10	8			
Interest	4,497	5	9			
Travelling-expenses	106	6	8			
Printing and stationery ..	148	3	9			
Repairs and maintenance ..	2,810	7	7			
Wharfage	2,379	11	3			
Railway haulage	11,750	1	8			
Marine freights	32,768	10	9			
Postages and telegrams ..	192	4	5			
Insurances	52	10	9			
Rents	66	14	8			
Compensation	3,938	5	10			
Coal-miners' Relief Fund ..	254	8	3			
General expenses	600	14	8			
Sinking Fund instalment ..	8,509	19	1			
Audit fees	323	0	0			
Contracts—Deposits ..	5	0	0			
Cheques dishonoured ..	76	10	5			
Receiver-General's Deposit Account	30	0	0			
				73,862	6	2
Cash in Public Account at 31st March, 1935	..			8,272	13	2
				£196,512	4	5

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—*continued.*

TABLE SHOWING THE POSITION OF THE STATE COAL-MINES ACCOUNT FROM INCEPTION TO 31ST MARCH, 1935.

Name of Works.	Total Capital Expenditure.	Total Amount of Depreciation written off.	Assets as per Balance-sheet, 31st March, 1935.	Net Profits.	Net Losses.	Liabilities as per Balance-sheet, 31st March, 1935.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Point Elizabeth Colliery ..	98,210 9 0					
Less sales and loss by fire ..	2,291 6 11					
	95,919 2 1	95,919 2 1	..	147,583 4 11	..	..
Liverpool Colliery	321,089 18 10					
Less sales, transfers, and loss by fire	7,249 10 5					
	313,840 8 5	240,769 8 2	73,071 0 3	50,136 8 6	..	6,166 19 3
Seddonville Colliery ..	38,243 2 5					
Less sales	548 17 0					
	37,694 5 5	37,694 5 5	..	..	37,156 12 7	..
Briquette-works property ..	16,135 2 6					
Less sales	2,066 5 0					
	14,068 17 6	14,068 17 6	..	..	22,660 18 10	..
Prospecting on State Coal Reserve	8,892 14 6	389 4 0	8,503 10 6	..	..	..
Plant, buildings, &c., on hire	6,804 17 7					
Less sales, transfers, &c. ..	3,369 16 6					
	3,435 1 1	2,644 19 8	790 1 5	47 18 2	..	..
Charming Creek prospecting ..	5,956 18 6	5,956 18 6	..	..	5,545 1 11	..
James Colliery	71,982 5 10					
Less sales, transfers, &c. ..	2,225 1 1					
	69,757 4 9	52,217 8 0	17,539 16 9	..	6,735 1 10	5,452 9 6
MacDonald Colliery	93,600 4 11					
Less recoveries	193 10 2					
	93,406 14 9	41,494 11 10*	51,912 2 11	..	36,762 0 3*	165 16 0
Wellington Depot property ..	19,216 1 4					
Less sales and transfers ..	863 14 9					
	18,352 6 7	11,799 5 10	6,553 0 9	..	1,161 12 4	476 14 9
Christchurch Depot property	13,819 8 6					
Less sales and loss on horses	319 6 10					
	13,500 1 8	10,841 10 11	2,658 10 9	14,092 11 8	..	723 3 9
Wanganui Depot property ..	3,735 13 0					
Less sales and loss on horses	227 2 0					
	3,508 11 0	3,244 10 4	264 0 8	..	2,202 14 4	..
Dunedin Depot property ..	2,023 3 7					
Less sales	641 10 0					
	1,381 13 7	1,381 13 7	..	..	4,248 3 5	..
Hulks property	4,033 15 5					
Less sales	1,948 17 0					
	2,084 18 5	2,084 18 5	..	1,786 12 11	..	..
Office furniture	189 13 9					
Less sales	17 5 0					
	172 8 9	172 8 9	..	..	172 8 9	..
Grand total ..	703,933 9 8					
Less losses, sales, &c.	21,962 2 8					
	£681,971 7 0	£520,679 3 0	161,292 4 0	..	..	..
Carried forward ..	..	..	161,292 4 0	213,646 16 2	116,644 14 3	12,985 3 3

* Includes interest (£30,285 19s. 10d.) capitalized from date of purchase to date lease was granted—now written off.

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—*continued.*

TABLE SHOWING THE POSITION OF THE STATE COAL-MINES ACCOUNT FROM INCEPTION TO 31ST MARCH, 1935—*continued.*

Name of Works.	Total Capital Expenditure.	Total Amount of Depreciation written off.	Assets as per Balance-sheet, 31st March, 1935.	Net Profits.	Net Losses.	Liabilities as per Balance-sheet, 31st March, 1935.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ..	..	..	161,292 4 0	213,646 16 2	116,644 14 3	12,985 3 3
Royalties (from 1st April, 1928, only)	..	..	..	30,612 4 1	..	..
Interest on investments ..	..	..	..	62,617 3 11*	..	..
Discounts	..	..	..	13 2 9	..	..
Cash lost (highway robbery) ..	..	..	..	..	89 0 1	..
Transfer to Accident Insurance Reserve	..	..	..	..	2,960 0 0	..
Refund — Mines Department, 1932–33 (administrative expenses incurred in previous years)	..	..	..	..	5,000 0 0	..
Total, profit and loss ..	..	..	..	306,889 6 11	124,693 14 4	
Balance—Profits over losses ..	..	..	..	..	182,195 12 7	
				£306,889 6 11	£306,889 6 11	..
Stocks on hand less provisionally written off	..	..	17,517 10 6	..	..	..
Investments (ordinary) ..	..	..	62,800 0 0	..	..	..
Interest on investments accrued	..	..	276 14 7	..	..	..
Sinking Fund investments ..	..	..	8,590 13 8	..	..	..
Sundry debtors	..	..	41,429 8 7	..	..	..
Cash in Public Account ..	..	..	8,272 13 2	..	..	..
Cash in Receiver-General's Deposit Account	..	..	1,100 0 0	..	..	..
Housing advances to workmen and accrued interest	..	..	8,251 11 10	..	..	..
Loan Account	..	..	..	..	..	105,833 6 8
Bad-debts Reserve	..	..	..	..	..	828 19 1
Accrued interest payable ..	..	..	..	..	..	426 4 0
Sinking Fund	..	..	..	8,590 13 8	..	8,590 13 8
General Reserve	..	..	..	169,109 9 7	..	169,109 9 7
General Profit and Loss Acount	..	..	..	4,495 9 4	..	4,495 9 4
Deposits on contracts	..	..	..	..	..	1,100 0 0
Accident Insurance Reserve ..	..	..	..	..	..	6,161 10 9
			£309,530 16 4	£182,195 12 7	..	£309,530 16 4

* Includes interest on sinking-fund investments.

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