

APPENDIX B.

REPORTS RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF COAL-MINES.

THE INSPECTING ENGINEER AND CHIEF INSPECTOR OF COAL-MINES TO THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES.

SIR,— Wellington, 21st June, 1937.
I have the honour to present my annual report, together with statistical information, in regard to coal-mines of the Dominion for the year ended 31st December, 1936, in accordance with section 42 of the Coal-mines Act, 1925. The report is divided into the following sections:—

- I. Output.
- II. Persons employed.
- III. Accidents.
- IV. Working of the Coal-mines Act—(a) Permitted Explosives; (b) List of Mines at which Permitted Explosives are used; (c) List of Mines required by Law to use Safety-lamps; (d) Dangerous Occurrences; (e) Electricity at Collieries; (f) Prosecutions.
- V. Legislation affecting Coal-mining.

Annexures—
A. Summary of Annual Reports by Inspectors of Mines. B. Colliery Statistics.

SECTION I.—OUTPUT.

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

Class of Coal.	Output of Coal during 1936.				Total Output to the End
	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Totals.	
Bituminous and sub-bituminous	Tons. 62,094	Tons. 796,763	Tons. ..	Tons. 858,857	Tons. 49,836,586
Brown	733,743	46,500	369,828	1,150,071	30,992,459
Lignite	..	1,307	129,982	131,289	5,148,498
Totals for 1936 ..	795,837	844,570	499,810	2,140,217	85,977,543
Totals for 1935 ..	837,620	803,653	473,911	2,115,184	83,837,326

The following is a table showing the annual production of coal and the quantity of coal imported since 1911:—

Year.	Coal produced.	Coal imported.	Total Quantity of Coal produced and imported.	Year.	Coal produced.	Coal imported.	Total Quantity of Coal produced and imported.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1911 ..	2,066,073	188,068	2,254,141	1924 ..	2,083,207	674,483	2,757,690
1912 ..	2,177,615	364,359	2,541,974	1925 ..	2,114,995	572,573	2,687,568
1913 ..	1,888,005	468,940	2,356,945	1926 ..	2,239,999	483,918	2,723,917
1914 ..	2,275,614*	518,070	2,793,684*	1927 ..	2,366,740	378,090	2,744,830
1915 ..	2,208,624	353,471	2,562,095	1928 ..	2,436,753	247,861	2,684,614
1916 ..	2,257,135	293,956	2,551,091	1929 ..	2,535,864	215,656	2,751,520
1917 ..	2,068,419	291,597	2,360,016	1930 ..	2,542,092	157,943	2,700,035
1918 ..	2,034,250	255,332	2,289,582	1931 ..	2,157,756	179,060	2,336,816
1919 ..	1,847,848	391,434	2,239,282	1932 ..	1,842,022	103,531	1,945,553
1920 ..	1,843,705	476,343	2,320,048	1933 ..	1,821,258	99,272	1,920,530
1921 ..	1,809,095	822,459	2,631,554	1934 ..	2,060,315	100,715	2,161,030
1922 ..	1,857,819	501,478	2,359,297	1935 ..	2,115,184	97,398	2,212,582
1923 ..	1,969,834	445,792	2,415,626	1936 ..	2,140,217	111,078	2,251,295

* Includes 21 tons shale.