

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, 1939.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

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, 1938, to the 31st March, 1939.

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) Legislation affecting Metalliferous 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 from metal-mines and of the value of production from stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act during 1938 and 1937:—

Mineral.	1938.		1937.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Oz. dwt.	£	Oz. dwt.	£
Gold and silver (estimated)	509,759 0	1,214,054	612,468 0	1,319,743
Platinum	1 6	7	55 4	423
	Tons cwt.		Tons cwt.	
Iron-ore	1,218 10	3,666	571 0	880
Stone	..	555,295	..	444,837
Pumice	3,046 6	8,811	2,931 0	8,057
Tungsten-ore	45 13	8,604	23 14	6,468
Manganese-ore	90 0	450	5 0	50
Silica-sand	1,459 0	1,126	164 7	236
Fuller's earth	56 0	154	..	..
Diatomaceous earth	..	70	..	..
	lb.		lb.	
Quicksilver	760	190	1,344	336
Totals	..	1,792,427	..	1,781,030