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TABLE showing the DIFFERENT CLASSES of COAL from the MINES in the COLONY.

Name of Coal.	Output of Coal.		Increase or Decrease.	Approximate Total Output of Coal up to the 31st December, 1897.
	1897.	1896.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous	504,764	473,637	+31,127	6,146,449
Pitch	34,969	110,547	-75,578	1,686,056
Brown	268,020	179,744	+88,276	3,366,254
Lignite	32,960	28,923	+4,037	377,854
Totals	840,713	792,851	+47,862	11,576,613

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TABLE showing the NUMBER of COAL-MINES in OPERATION, the NUMBER of MEN EMPLOYED, and the OUTPUT of COAL per MAN.

Number of Mines working.	Number of Miners employed in each Mine.	Total Number of Men employed.	Output of Coal during 1897.	Average Output per Man.
			Tons.	Tons.
112	1 to 4 men in each	171	52,012	304
19	5 to 10 "	129	45,945	356
4	11 to 20 "	60	25,979	433
18	21 men and upwards	1,552	716,777	462
153		1,912	840,713	439

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RETURN showing the QUANTITY and VALUE of COAL IMPORTED INTO and EXPORTED FROM NEW ZEALAND during the Year ended the 31st December, 1897.

Imported.			Exported.		
Countries whence imported.	Quantity.	Value.	Countries to which exported.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	£		Tons.	£
United Kingdom	1,500	1,238	United Kingdom	54,005	53,445
New South Wales	109,403	96,885	Victoria	2	2
Victoria	4	16	New South Wales	5,281	4,270
			Queensland	2	10
			Tasmania	1,437	856
			United States of America—		
			On the West Coast	2,953	2,346
			Fiji Islands	7,766	5,838
			South Sea Islands	10,784	8,426
			Norfolk Island	166	180
Totals	110,907	98,139	Totals	82,396	75,373

NOTE.—Foreign coal included in exportation to—United Kingdom, 1,319 tons, value £1,205; New South Wales, 1,611 tons, value £1,459; Tasmania, 21 tons, value £28; United States of America—On the West Coast, 880 tons, value £792; South Sea Islands, 2,372 tons, value £2,174. Norfolk Island, 120 tons, value £120. The remainder is New Zealand produce.