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NEW ZEALAND.

# MINES STATEMENT

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MR. SPEAKER,—

I have the honour to present to Parliament the annual statement on the mining industry of the Dominion for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

## MINERAL PRODUCTION.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metalliferous mines, stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act, and of coal-mines during 1940 and 1939 :—

Mineral.	1940.		1939.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver*	600,995 oz.	£ 1,945,707	569,297 oz.	£ 1,566,977
Platinum	..	..	13 $\frac{6}{10}$ „	104
Iron-ore	1,188 $\frac{14}{10}$ tons	2,888	1,586 tons	3,018
Stone	..	540,820	..	545,533
Pumice	3,166 „	10,341	3,680 $\frac{2}{10}$ „	11,172
Coal	2,516,099 „	2,516,099	2,342,639 „	2,342,639
Tungsten-ore	74 „	16,006	41 „	8,240
Manganese-ore	980 $\frac{4}{10}$ „	3,266	486 „	1,944
Silica sand	1,354 $\frac{10}{10}$ „	1,569	2,335 „	2,227
Fuller's earth	71 „	248	73 $\frac{18}{10}$ „	233
Diatomaceous earth	..	..	..	332
Mica	..	..	1 $\frac{8}{10}$ „	12
Antimony	2 „	55	..	..
Bentonite	205 „	820	..	..
Totals	..	£5,037,819	..	£4,482,431

\* The gold-silver bullion is generally exported unseparated.

NOTE.—The values shown in the above and subsequent tables are expressed in New Zealand currency.

The value of minerals, including kauri-gum, exported and of the coal used in the Dominion, which is shown in Table No. 1 accompanying this Statement, amounted to £4,619,791, as compared with £4,132,476 during 1939. The total value of such minerals exported to the end of 1940 amounted to £212,300,274.

## GOLD AND SILVER MINING.

During the year 600,995 oz. of bullion, valued at £1,945,707, was produced, an increase in quantity of 31,698 oz. and in value of £378,730 as compared with the previous year.