

# APPENDICES TO THE MINES STATEMENT

## APPENDIX A

### REPORTS RELATING TO METALLIFEROUS MINES AND QUARRIES

The INSPECTING ENGINEER OF MINES to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES  
SIR,— Wellington, 15th May, 1946.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and quarries for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

#### ACCIDENTS

In 1945 two fatal and three serious non-fatal accidents occurred in or about metalliferous mines, at which 1,304 persons were ordinarily employed.

Cause.	Fatal Accidents.		Serious Non-fatal Accidents.	
	Number of Separate Accidents.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Separate Accidents.	Number of Persons injured.
Falls of ground .. .. .	1	1	..	..
Explosives .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Miscellaneous, on surface .. .. .	..	..	2	2
Miscellaneous, underground .. .. .	1	1	..	..
Totals .. .. .	2	2	3	3

Of the fatalities, one man was killed by a fall of earth whilst prospecting at Glenorchy, and the other was killed by a falling wheel in the Martha Mine, Waihi.

Of the serious non-fatal accidents, one man was injured whilst blasting ore in the Martha Mine, one lost an eye from an electrical mishap on the Arahura Dredge, and one was injured by a mooring rope at the Waipuna Dredge.

#### GOLD-MINING

Production of gold showed a general decline in all branches. The Blackwater and Martha Mines continue to be the only substantial producers in the quartz-mining field, and the production from alluvial mining has shrunk to an almost negligible figure.

The number of dredges in operation for the year was seventeen, and these were responsible for over half of the total gold-production. Since the end of the year the Barrytown, Gillespie's Beach, and Waipuna Dredges have ceased operations.