

SCREENING OF COAL

The following table shows the percentage of coal sold as unscreened and the results obtained from the screening of the balance of the output :—

| Mine. | Percentage sold as Unscreened. | Percentages of Screened, Nuts, and Small obtained from Coal screened. | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------|----------|--------|
| | | Screened. | Small. | | |
| Liverpool | 99·58 | 6·67 | 93·33 | | |
| Strongman | 9·88 | 81·25 | 18·75 | | |
| Dobson | 4·13 | 80·07 | 19·93 | | |
| Wallsend | 5·16 | 70·28 | 29·72 | | |
| Blackball | 7·81 | 29·76 | 70·24 | | |
| Stockton | 22·52 | 58·00 | 42·00 | | |
| Mossbank | .. | 66·95 | 33·05 | | |
| Burke's Creek | 27·04 | 71·53 | 28·47 | | |
| Kemp's Opencast | .. | 58·81 | 41·19 | | |
| Waitewhena | .. | 55·66 | 44·34 | | |
| Glen Afton | .. | 54·69 | 45·31 | | |
| Kimihia Opencast | .. | 68·74 | 31·26 | | |
| Wairaki Opencast | .. | 68·14 | 31·86 | | |
| Bar 20 | 6·27 | 77·50 | 22·50 | | |
| Wangaloa | .. | 77·00 | 23·00 | | |
| | | Percentage of House, Domestic, Kitchen, and Slack (North Island Grading). | | | |
| | | House. | Domestic. | Kitchen. | Slack. |
| Wilton | 5·45 | .. | 51·12 | .. | 48·88 |
| Mangapehi | .. | 11·81 | .. | 33·31 | 54·88 |
| Tatu | 6·04 | .. | 49·11 | .. | 50·89 |

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The State Coal-mines carries its own compensation risk, provision being made in the accounts, which are debited with premiums at the rate of $£5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. on colliery wages and £2 per cent. on depot wages. The Insurance Working Account shows a surplus of £24,576 5s. 1d. on the year's operation, and this amount brings the total of the Accident Insurance Reserve Account at 31st March, 1947, to £79,713 8s. 5d.

The cost of claims percentage on wages paid amounted to £2 17s. 9d., as compared with £3 3s. 11d. for the previous year, the average cost of each claim being £24 10s. 7d. compared with £25 11s. 1d. during the 1945-46 financial year.