

Taking into account the stocks at the beginning and end of the year, the following statement shows details of the coal disposed of during the year:—

1st April, 1946—		Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Stock in bin and yard	1,765	2	0			
Stock on wharf	211	2	0			
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Add net output for year				57,805	17	2
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					59,782	1	2
31st March, 1947—							
Less stock in bin and yard	1,769	7	2			
Less stock on wharf						
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Total disposed of				58,012	14	0

Disposals

	Tons.	cwts.	qr.
Shipped	33,787	5	0
Railed to Canterbury, &c.	18,245	13	0
Railway sales	3,767	18	0
Local and mine sales	767	4	0
Sales to workmen and free issues	1,444	14	0
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	58,012	14	0

The gross output from the colliery since it was taken over by the State Coal-mines on 22nd February, 1943, totals 244,024 tons 17 cwt. 2 qr.

Days worked.—The colliery worked 229 $\frac{3}{4}$ days out of a possible 242 ordinary working-days. In addition, the colliery worked 8 back Saturdays and 3 substituted statutory holidays, making the total days worked 240 $\frac{3}{4}$. The difference between the ordinary days worked, 229 $\frac{3}{4}$, and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, union meetings; 3 days, power failures; 3 days, funerals of employees; $\frac{1}{4}$ day, football match; 1 day, dispute *re* jack-hammers; 1 day, fault in signal system; $\frac{1}{4}$ day, screen breakdown; $\frac{1}{4}$ day, election.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 194 men and 7 boys, made up as follows—Underground: coal-hewers, 46; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 115. Surface: 33 men and 7 boys.

Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £2 19s. 10d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £2 16s. 6d., an increase of 6s. 2d. per day when compared with the previous period.

Daily Output.—The average daily output was 246 tons 12 cwt. 3 qr. and the coal-hewers' average daily output was 6 tons 4 cwt. 2 qr., as compared with 239 tons 15 cwt. 2 qr. and 6 tons 8 cwt. 3 qr. respectively for the previous year. The total number of hewer shifts for the year was 9,544.

Deficiencies.—The total amount paid under the minimum-wage clause was £218 8s.

Accidents.—The usual number of minor accidents occurred at the colliery during the year, but there were none of a serious nature.

Underground Workings.—5 West: Completion of stone drive to give this section better haulage and ventilation. This section has been one of the best so far in the mine, but is now affected by some small faulting which originated in the 4 West Section. While this is not likely to be of serious dimensions, more information should be available before meeting the main Dobson Fault.