

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

	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
1st April, 1946—						
Stock on wharf	2,181	18	0			
Stock in bins and yard	1,252	4	3			
	<hr/>			3,434	2	3
Add surplus stock taken on charge				1,350	0	0
Add net output for year				231,690	0	0
	<hr/>			236,474	2	3
31st March, 1947—						
Less stock in bins and yard	1,792	7	1			
Less stock on wharf	1,067	10	0			
	<hr/>			2,859	17	1
Total disposed of				233,614	5	2

Disposals

	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Shipped	159,665	9	0			
Railed	6,696	2	1			
Railway sales	47,639	6	1			
Local and mine sales	18,361	15	0			
Workmen and free issues	1,251	13	0			
	<hr/>			233,614	5	2

The gross output of the collieries since being taken over by the State on 1st July, 1944, totals 561,635 tons 3 cwt. 3 qr.

Days worked.—Fly Creek Colliery worked 230 $\frac{3}{8}$ days out of a possible 242 days. In addition, the colliery worked 2 back Saturdays and 3 statutory holidays, making the total days worked 235 $\frac{3}{8}$ days. The difference between the ordinary days worked, 230 $\frac{3}{8}$, and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows : disputes, 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ days ; no transport, 1 day ; football match, 1 day ; burnt-out motor, 1 day.

Webb Colliery (previously D Hill) worked 231 $\frac{1}{4}$ days out of a possible 242 days. In addition, the colliery worked on 2 back Saturdays and 3 statutory holidays, making the total days worked 236 $\frac{1}{4}$ days. The difference between the ordinary days worked, 231 $\frac{1}{4}$, and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows : disputes, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ days ; no transport, 1 day ; burnt-out motor, 1 day.

E Hill Opencast worked 231 $\frac{5}{8}$ days out of a possible 242 days. In addition, the colliery worked 12 back Saturdays and 3 statutory holidays, making the total days worked 246 $\frac{5}{8}$. The difference between the ordinary days worked, 231 $\frac{5}{8}$, and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows : disputes, 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ days ; no transport, 1 day ; burnt-out motor, 1 day. (NOTE.—Only one motor was burnt-out, but it affected the three collieries.)

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 300 men and 20 boys, made up as follows—Underground : coal-hewers, 60 ; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 77. Surface : Open-cast machine operators and truck-drivers, 32 ; men, 131 ; boys, 20.

Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—Fly Creek Colliery : The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £3 4s. 11d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 2s., an increase of 7s. 2d. per day when compared with the previous period.