

The following table shows the output of coal from the various coalfields and the comparative increases and decreases for the years 1946 and 1945, together with the approximate total production to date :—

Coalfield.	Output.		Increase.	Decrease.	Approximate Total Output up to 31st December, 1946.
	1946.	1945.			
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
North Auckland	77,773	89,525	..	11,752	6,541,952
Waikato (including Taranaki)	902,876	957,419	..	54,543	23,903,591
Nelson	6,891	7,805	..	914	758,414
Buller	535,174	540,782	..	5,608	29,497,643
Reefton	128,574	122,622	5,952	..	1,820,692
Grey	486,517	497,982	..	11,465	22,020,693
Canterbury	34,037	37,007	..	2,970	1,373,231
Otago	209,647	200,330	9,317	..	15,337,421
Southland	412,381	380,104	32,277	..	10,623,363
Totals	2,793,870	2,833,576	47,546	87,252	111,877,000

The outputs of the various classes of coal mined in each inspection district were :—

Output for 1946

Class of Coal.	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Total.	Total Output to 31st December, 1946.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Anthracite .. ..	..	..	2,272	2,272	15,326
Bituminous .. ..	..	955,998	..	955,998	60,453,109
Sub-bituminous	980,649	154,606	433,765	1,569,020	44,606,802
Lignite .. ..	..	46,552	220,028	266,580	6,801,763
Totals for 1946	980,649	1,157,156	656,065	2,793,870	111,877,000
Totals for 1945	1,046,944	1,169,191	617,441	2,833,576	109,083,130

TABLE SHOWING THE INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF COAL AND THE QUANTITY OF COAL IMPORTED

Year.	Coal produced.		Coal imported.		
	Tons.	Yearly Increase or Decrease.	Tons.	Increase over Preceding Year.	Decrease below Preceding Year.
Prior to 1930	71,298,699	..	12,734,199	..	..
1930	2,542,092	Inc. 6,288	157,943	..	57,713
1931	2,157,756	Dec. 384,336	179,060	21,117	..
1932	1,842,022	Dec. 315,734	103,531	..	75,529
1933	1,821,258	Dec. 20,764	99,272	..	4,259
1934	2,060,315	Inc. 239,057	100,715	1,443	..
1935	2,115,184	Inc. 54,869	97,398	..	3,317
1936	2,140,217	Inc. 25,033	111,078	13,680	..
1937	2,277,799	Inc. 137,582	116,499	5,421	..
1938	2,222,088	Dec. 55,711	109,206	..	7,293
1939	2,342,639	Inc. 120,551	111,537	2,331	..
1940	2,516,099	Inc. 173,460	64,860	..	46,677
1941	2,639,507	Inc. 123,408	78,171	13,311	..
1942	2,680,041	Inc. 40,534	90,865	12,694	..
1943	2,787,868	Inc. 107,827	37,454	..	53,411
1944	2,805,970	Inc. 18,102	..	..	37,454
1945	2,833,576	Inc. 27,606	..	..	..
1946	2,793,870	Dec. 39,706	27,185	27,185	..