

	Yardage.	Acreage.	Average Depth, in Feet.	Men employed.	Gold (Ounces).	Silver (Ounces).	£(N.Z.).
<i>Dredges</i>							
Grey River	3,741,732	78·352	29·6	27	13,476	374	154,738
Blackball Creek .. ..	..	..	35·0	10	300	..	3,000
Arahura	3,157,000	22·030	88·8	42	11,397	390	122,116
Rimu	1,917,013	26·619	44·6	39	9,594	298	109,577
Kanieri	2,908,000	23·441	76·9	44	6,775	255	72,600
Ngahere	2,023,690	16·245	77·2	26	4,741	26	49,017
Snowy River	715,000	24·620	18·0	14	3,890	..	38,256
Red Jacks	554,083	14·000	22·5	16	828	..	8,731
Atarau	1,337,148	25·000	24·5	12	2,052	..	21,206
Marsden	1,425,348	33·000	30·5	12	1,872	..	19,282
Slab Hut	539,050	15·190	22·0	12	862	..	8,686
Callaghans	130,000	3·500	23·0	9	492	..	4,750
Austral N.Z.	3,359,000	44·666	46·6	52	8,275	399	89,132
Clutha	2,522,000	26·500	78·0	24	6,761	..	73,064
Rainbow .. ..	..	..	5·0	2	216	..	2,171
Totals .. ..	..	..	..	341	71,531	1,742	776,326
<i>Alluvial Mines</i>							
Addisons Flat	18,300	..	7	2	45	..	457
Moonlight .. ..	..	..	175	3	254	..	2,604
Golden Sands .. ..	..	..	40	3	257	..	2,413
Waitahu .. ..	..	..	20	4	304	..	3,274
Round Hill .. ..	..	..	..	6	460	..	4,749
Sundry .. ..	..	..	..	176	1,913	..	19,730
Totals .. ..	..	..	..	194	3,233	..	33,227
Grand totals .. ..	..	..	..	..	112,260	221,984	1,264,377

PETROLEUM OIL

No prospecting-work for petroleum was carried out in New Zealand during 1947, the only activity in this field being the continuation of small-scale production from the area near New Plymouth previously held under petroleum mining licence by Moturoa Oil Fields, Ltd., and now transferred to New Zealand Oil Refineries, Ltd. From three wells in this area 82,307 gallons of crude petroleum oil were obtained during 1947, as against 81,625 gallons during 1946, thus bringing the Dominion's total production of crude petroleum oil up to 31st December, 1947, to 3,666,714 gallons.

It is the intention of New Zealand Oil Refineries, Ltd., to drill two additional wells in this area, and the derrick is now in place at the site of the first borehole and drilling-operations will be commenced at an early date.

While no extravagant hopes can be held out as to the result of this work and it can add little to our knowledge of the geology of this oil occurrence, it is still of importance if the present production can be maintained and possibly increased thereby.

COAL-MINING

The annual production of coal since 1930 has been as follows:—

Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.
1930	2,542,092	1939	2,342,639
1931	2,157,756	1940	2,516,099
1932	1,842,022	1941	2,639,507
1933	1,821,258	1942	2,680,041
1934	2,060,315	1943	2,787,868
1935	2,115,184	1944	2,805,970
1936	2,140,217	1945	2,833,576
1937	2,277,799	1946	2,793,870
1938	2,222,088	1947	2,751,725