

APPENDIX B

REPORTS RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF COAL-MINES

The INSPECTING ENGINEER and CHIEF INSPECTOR OF COAL-MINES to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES.

Wellington, 9th July, 1949.

Sir,—

I have the honour to present my annual report on the coal-mining industry of New Zealand for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

OUTPUT

The total output for the year was 2,775,886 tons, an increase of 24,161 tons on production for the previous year.

This included opencast production, which for the three inspection districts was: Northern, 262,393 tons; West Coast, 218,680 tons; Southern, 195,655 tons; the underground coal mined being: Northern, 752,795 tons; West Coast, 925,199 tons; Southern, 421,164 tons.

The statement shows the tons of coal raised, men employed, and lives lost by accidents in and about collieries to 1948 :—

Year.	Output, in Statute Tons.	Persons Ordinarily Employed.			Lives Lost by Accidents in or About Collieries.		
		Above Ground.	Below Ground.	Total.	Per Million Tons Produced.	Per Thousand Persons Employed.	Number of Lives Lost.
Prior to 1941	95,336,168	..	..	..	..	..	526
1941	2,639,507	1,358	3,633	4,991	1.51	0.80	4
1942	2,680,041	1,338	3,659	4,997	2.24	1.20	6
1943	2,787,868	1,375	3,999	5,374	2.87	1.50	8
1944	2,805,970	1,637	3,958	5,595	4.28	2.14	12
1945	2,833,576	1,660	3,932	5,592	2.12	1.07	6
1946	2,793,870	1,738	3,819	5,557	1.43	0.72	4
1947	2,751,725	1,703	3,739	5,442	1.43	0.73	4
1948	2,775,886	1,740	3,842	5,582	1.80	0.90	5
Totals	117,404,611	..	..	..	..	..	575

ACCIDENTS

Serious and fatal accidents during 1948 were as follows :—

	Fatal.		Serious.	
	Number of Accidents.	Deaths.	Number of Non-fatal Accidents.	Number of Persons Injured.
Carbon-monoxide poisoning
Other gases
Explosions, fire-damp, or coal-dust
Falls of ground or timber	3	6	6
Explosions	2	2
Haulage	1	19	19
Electrical	1	1	1
Miscellaneous—Underground	3	3
Surface	8	8
Totals	5	39	39