

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	..
1947	2,751,725	Dec. 42,145	93,411	66,226	..
1948	2,775,886	Inc. 24,161	54,211	..	39,200
1949	2,813,275	Inc. 37,389	78,485	24,274	..

TABLE SHOWING THE QUANTITY OF COAL EXPORTED FROM NEW ZEALAND FROM 1930 TO 1949

Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.
1930	126,118	1940	81,287
1931	48,334	1941	58,179
1932	35,866	1942	54,700
1933	34,131	1943	42,522
1934	40,361	1944	37,688
1935	46,146	1945	21,989
1936	44,872	1946	27,366
1937	113,116	1947	28,035
1938	55,711	1948	18,913
1939	43,990	1949	21,575

INVESTIGATION OF COAL RESOURCES

The three organizations which are concerned in the investigation of coal resources as usual worked in the closest co-operation and considerable progress was made towards establishing a more realistic basis of knowledge of our coal resources. The three organizations responsible for this progress are (1) the Coal Survey, whose activities are mainly geological and chemical; (2) an organization set up by the Mines Department to follow up the Coal Survey with detailed topographical surveys and shallow prospecting by means of cuts, pits, and hand drilling; (3) the Drilling Section of the Mines Department carrying out investigations by percussion and rotary drilling.

As a result of the intensive work of these organizations during the past four years, considerably more information is now available than was the case in 1946 when the last estimate of the coal resources of New Zealand which appeared in the Mines Statement for the year 1945 was made. This matter has lately been considered jointly by officers