

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

		Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
1st April, 1949—							
Stock in bin and yard		2,458	17	1			
Stock on wharf		715	8	2			
					3,174	5	3
Add net output for year		97,400	0	0			
Add surplus stocks		2,000	0	0			
					99,400	0	0
					102,574	5	3
31st March, 1950—							
Less stock in bin and yard		2,933	17	3			
Less stock on wharf							
					2,933	17	3
Total disposed of					99,640	8	0

Disposals

	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Shipped	49,012	11	0
Railed to Canterbury, &c.	44,056	12	0
Railway sales	908	18	2
Local and mine sales	4,879	12	1
Sales to workmen and free issues	782	14	1
	99,640	8	0

The gross output from the colliery since its inception totals 4,547,262 tons 14 cwt.

Days Worked.—The colliery worked 226 days out of a possible 240 ordinary working-days. The difference between the ordinary days worked, 226, and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: 6 days, deaths and funerals of workmen; 1 day, death of P. C. Webb; 2 days, slip on railway incline; 2 days, mechanical breakdown; 1 day, miners did not work; 1 day, international football match; 1 day, trucking dispute.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 304 men and 13 boys, made up as follows—Underground: Coal-hewers, 72; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 173. Surface: 59 men and 13 boys.

Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £3 15s. 4d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 11s. 8d., a decrease of 5d. per day when compared with the previous year.

Daily Output.—The average daily output was 442 tons 13 cwt. and the coal-hewers' average daily output was 6 tons 13 cwt., as compared with 443 tons 8 cwt. and 6 tons 17 cwt. respectively for the previous year. The total number of hewer shifts for the year was 15,030.

Deficiencies.—There were no payments made under the minimum-wage clause during the year.

Accidents.—On 27th April a deputy was struck by falling coal and died from his injuries before reaching the hospital. On 12th July a miner was struck by a falling prop, receiving head and shoulder injuries.