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NEW ZEALAND

STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORT ON THE WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.

Prepared in Accordance With the Requirements of Section 184 of the Coal-mines Act, 1925

REPORT

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MR. SPEAKER, —

I have the honour to present to Parliament the Balance-sheet, Statement of Accounts, and reports on the operations of the State Coal-mines for the year ended 31st March, 1950.

During the year the State acquired the following coal-mining undertakings :—

Name of Mine or Company.	Purchase-price.	Purpose.
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Renown Collieries, Ltd., Huntly	186,000	Underground mining.
Linton Coal Co., Ltd., Ohai	159,216	Underground and opencast mining.
Burawell Mine, Reefton	7,000	Underground mining.

UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS

NORTH AUCKLAND

Operations at the Kamo Mine were carried on steadily during the year, with an improved output being recorded. The mine generally is in better order for production, and higher outputs are expected when the belt haulage system has been installed. The drilling programme was not commenced owing to a suitable drill rig not being available.