

SCREENING OF COAL

The following table shows the percentage of coal sold as unscreened and the results obtained from the screening of the balance of the output :—

Mine.	Percentage Sold as Unscreened.	Percentages of Screened and Small Obtained from Coal Screened.			
		Screened.	Small.		
Kamo	100·00	..	..
Kemp's	5·63	35·36	64·64		
Hill Crest	5·34	46·63	53·37		
Kimihia	0·06	53·42	46·58		
Waitewhena	4·62	28·78	71·22		
Denniston	9·59	51·38	48·62		
Millerton	6·07	63·75	36·25		
Stockton	24·49	53·22	46·78		
Burke's Creek	5·61	40·43	59·57*		
Garvey Creek	100·00	..	..
Burnwell	20·45	10·24	89·76		
Central	7·96	20·31	79·69		
Blackball	6·16	36·73	63·27		
Dobson	7·56	84·23	15·77		
Paparoa	71·31	79·16	20·84		
Wallsend	2·77	63·45	36·55		
Liverpool	100·00	..	..
Strongman	9·62	76·51	23·49		
Wangaloa .. .. .	..	72·43	27·57	
Birchwood .. .. .	..	65·17	34·83	
Black Diamond	11·73	79·96	20·04		
Mossbank .. .. .	..	76·63	23·37	
Star .. .. .	..	75·21	24·79	
McLean's .. .. .	..	78·06	21·94	
Wairaki .. .. .	..	77·86	22·14	
Percentage of House, Kitchen, and Slack (North Island Grading).					
		House.	Domestic.	Kitchen.	Slack.
Mangapehi	19·82	..	35·00	45·18
Wilton	0·20	..	50·64	..	49·36
Tatu	59·83	..	40·17

* Includes unscreened nuts.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The number of compensatable accidents at State coal-mines decreased from 1,406 for the year ended 31st March, 1949, to 1,310 for the year ended 31st March, 1950.

The cost of claims per cent. on wages paid amounted to £2 16s. 2d. for the year ended 31st March, 1950, as compared with £2 9s. 6d. for the previous year, while the average cost of each claim was £42 15s. 9d., as compared with £30 13s. 8d. These increases reflect the increased benefits payable under the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1949, which were payable from 1st September, 1949, and also the more serious nature of injuries with consequent longer periods on compensation.

The Accident Insurance Working Account showed a surplus of £48,319 4s. 11d. on the year's working, as compared with £51,474 2s. 10d. for the previous year, and the Accident Insurance Reserve Account now stands at £217,673