

The DISTRICT MANAGER, State Coal-mines, Ngakawau, to the UNDER-SECRETARY,
Mines Department, Wellington.

SIR,—

13th June, 1950.

I have the honour to submit my report on the workings of the Buller State-mines for the year ended 31st March, 1950.

STOCKTON STATE COAL-MINES

Output.—The gross output for the year from the Fly Creek and Webb Mines and “ E ” Hill Opencast was 196,968 tons 7 cwt. 2 qr., a decrease of 17,964 tons 16 cwt. 3 qr. when compared with the previous year. Gross outputs of the individual mines were as follows :

	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Fly Creek	25,658	0	3
Webb Mine	72,157	4	3
“ E ” Hill Opencast	99,153	2	0
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	196,968	7	2

After allowing for waste (207 tons 7 cwt. 2 qr.) and coal used on works (5,210 tons), there remained for disposal a net output of 191,551 tons.

Taking into account the stocks at the beginning 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						
Stocks on wharf	1,822	14	0			
Stock in bins and yard	1,800	0	0			
				3,622	14	0
Add surplus stock taken on charge	2,657	8	1			
Add net output for year	191,551	0	0			
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				194,208	8	1
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				197,831	2	1
31st March, 1950						
Less stock in bins and yard	2,450	0	0			
Less stock on wharf	1,488	8	0			
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				3,938	8	0
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Total disposed of				193,892	14	1

Disposals

	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Shipped	135,462	8	1
Railed	15,018	14	3
Railway sales	39,943	1	0
Local and mine sales	2,195	4	1
Workmen and free issues	1,273	6	0
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	193,892	14	1

The gross output of the collieries since being taken over by the State on 1st July, 1944, totals 1,238,097 tons 12 cwt.