

MILLERTON COLLIERY

Coal-winning.—The gross output for the year from the colliery was 51,972 tons 8 cwt. A decrease of 7,345 tons 5 cwt. when compared with the previous year. After allowing for waste (236 tons 8 cwt.) and coal used on works (136 tons 12 cwt.), there remained for disposal a net output of 51,599 tons 8 cwt.

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

1st April, 1949—		Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Stock on wharf .. .. .	.. .. .	420	9	0			
Stock in bins and yard .. .. .	.. .. .	648	1	1			
		-----			1,068	10	1
Add net output for year .. .. .	.. .. .				51,599	8	0

					52,667	18	1
31st March, 1950—							
Less stock in bins and yard .. .. .	.. .. .	473	16	0			
Less stock on wharf .. .. .	.. .. .	78	14	0			
		-----			552	10	0
Total disposed of .. .. .	.. .. .				52,115	8	1

Disposals

		Tons	cwt.	qr.			
Shipped .. .. .	.. .. .	27,252	19	0			
Railed .. .. .	.. .. .	15,786	11	1			
Railway sales .. .. .	.. .. .	7,234	11	2			
Local and mine sales .. .. .	.. .. .	774	2	2			
Workmen and free issue .. .. .	.. .. .	1,067	4	0			
		-----			52,115	8	1

The gross output of the colliery since being taken over by the State on 1st April, 1948, totals 111,290 tons 1 cwt.

Days Worked.—The colliery worked 228 days out of a possible 240 days. The difference between ordinary days worked 228 and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: Union meetings, $2\frac{4}{7}$ days; strike *re doctor*, 4 days; deputies' strike, 4 days; licensing poll, $\frac{1}{7}$ day; general election, $\frac{2}{7}$ day; funeral of ex-employee, 1 day.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 112 men and 8 boys, made up as follows—Underground: Hewers, 26; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 42 men and 1 boy. Surface, 44 men and 7 boys.

Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £3 7s. 5d.; and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 4s. 2d., an increase of 1s. 6d. per day when compared with the previous year.

Daily Outputs.—The average daily output was 227 tons 19 cwt. and the coal-hewer's average daily output was 10 tons 19 cwt., as compared with 240 tons 17 cwt. and 11 tons 11 cwt. respectively for the previous year. The total number of hewer shifts worked was 4,747.

Accidents.—There were 32 accidents during the year, none being of a serious nature.

Underground Workings.—Old Dip Mine: Extraction of pillars was carried on without interruption in both sections of this mine, high coal being worked with satisfactory results in the Settlement section. In the lower area of the Old Dip, trouble was experienced with a fire which has been burning for many years. At a point 12 chains north-east of the present mine mouth, the fire ate its way over a concrete stopping, but luckily a