

1904.
NEW ZEALAND.

INSPECTION OF COAL-MINES REPORT.

("THE COAL-MINES ACT, 1891.")

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

Mr. JOHN HAYES, F.S.Sc., Inspecting Engineer, to the UNDER-SECRETARY FOR MINES.

SIR,—

Mines Department, Wellington, 4th May, 1904.

I have the honour to submit my report, covering the reports of the Inspectors of Mines for the several districts, on the coal-mines of the colony for the year ending the 31st December, 1903.

OUTPUT.

The output of the various classes of coal mined in each district is summarised as under:—

Class of Coal, &c.	Northern District.	West Coast District.	Southern District.	Total.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and semi-bituminous coal ...	101,519	778,372	...	879,891
Pitch-coal ...	...	...	21,116	21,116
Brown coal...	108,276	2,660	330,878	441,814
Lignite ...	...	...	77,372	77,372
Oil-shale ...	...	...	36	36
Totals ...	209,795	781,032	429,402	1,420,229

In comparison with the output of the previous year, the foregoing summary shows a net total increase of 55,189 tons, which is made up as follows:—

Class of Coal, &c.	Northern District.		West Coast District.		Southern District.		Total Increase.	Total De-crease.	Total Net Increase.
	Increase.	De-crease.	Increase.	De-crease.	Increase.	De-crease.			
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and semi-bituminous coal	8,758	...	26,087	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pitch-coal ...	...	...	...	...	...	4,129	...	...	...
Brown coal ...	8,992	...	1,129	...	4,521	...	...	...	...
Lignite ...	...	...	...	...	12,133	...	...	...	...
Oil-shale ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,302	...	...	...
Totals ...	17,750	...	27,216	...	16,654	6,431	61,620	6,431	55,189