

Canterbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tons. 23,679
Otago	...	...	...	...	...	...	295,350
Southland	...	...	...	...	...	...	142,981
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	462,010
Output for previous year	...	...	...	...	...	...	465,435
Decrease for 1907	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,425

The contributions by coal-owners to the Coal-miners' Relief Fund amounted to £462 8s. 2d., while payments from the fund to the amount of £491 6s. 3d. have been recommended on account of accidents which have occurred in and about coal-mines in this district during the year.

Summary of Outputs.

District.	Output, 1907.	Output for Otago.	Output, 1906.	Increase, 1907.	Decrease, 1907.	Contributions to Coal-miners' Relief Fund.
	Tons.		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	£ s. d.
Canterbury	23,679	...	26,553	...	2,874	21 14 2
North Otago	23,075	...	26,907	...	3,832	23 17 9
South Otago	227,847	295,350	223,015	4,832	...	223 17 6
Central Otago	44,428	...	53,059	...	8,631	44 11 10
Southland	142,981	...	135,901	7,080	...	148 6 11
Totals	462,010	...	465,435	11,912	15,337	462 8 2

Outputs of 10,000 Tons.

	Output, 1907.	Contributions to Coalminers' Relief Fund.
	Tons.	£ s. d.
Kaitangata and Castle Hill	101,818	98 9 10
Nightcaps	49,337	51 7 6
Saddle Hill Collieries—		
No. 1	8,532	8 16 8
No. 2	22,421	23 7 1
Freeman's	24,126	22 8 7
Jubilee	21,330	22 2 4
Allandale	18,408	19 3 4
Taratu	17,513	16 13 11
Homebush	13,879	11 15 7
Bruce	12,077	12 11 8
Fireclay (Canterbury and Otago)	...	Tons. 4,465
Hæmatite (Table Hill, Otago)	...	20
Phosphate rock	...	5,000
Marl	...	...
Lime	...	15,345
Sand	...	16,512

ACCIDENTS.

During the year 113 cases of accident were reported, one accident resulting in the deaths of the three men, while five might be termed serious. The balance—107—mainly trivial accidents incidental to the calling—were chiefly reported in connection with claims for relief from the Coal-miners' Relief Fund, there being no Sick and Accident Fund in connection with the miners' associations in this district. For various reasons five of the claims were not gone on with, and two claims were not admitted to the benefits of the fund.

All accidents were inquired into, and reports on those of a serious nature were duly forwarded to you by me.

There were no serious accidents during the year by falls from roof or sides of working-places.

Fatal Accidents.

21st June, 1907.—William Duncan, forty-nine, deputy; Patrick Welsh, fifty-two, roadsman; and William Carson, thirty-six, roadsman; Nightcaps Colliery, Nightcaps: Poisoned by white damp from underground fire.