## MINERAL-PRODUCTION.

The following table shows the quantity and value of gold, silver, and other minerals, coal, and kauri-gum, exported during the years 1911 and 1912, also the quantity of native coal consumed in the Dominion during the same periods :----

· · ·		Year ending							
Product.				31st De	cembe	er, 1911.	31st December, 1912.		
			-	Quantity	7.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
Gold Silver Mixed minerals New Zealand coa New Zealand coa Kauri-gum Coke			  Zealand 	455,226 1,311,043 3,470 223,275 1,842,798 7,587	tons	£ 1,816,782 131,587 22,241 204,379 921,707 395,707 	343,163 oz. 801,165 " 1,729 tons 229,012 " 1,948,603 " 7,908 " 4	$\begin{array}{c} \pounds \\ 1,345,131 \\ 84,739 \\ 20,571 \\ 216,170 \\ 974,301 \\ 401,305 \\ 7 \end{array}$	
Total va	lue of pr ″		on for 191 191 Il decrease		•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3,492,4 3,042,5 <b>£450,</b> 1	224	

## AURIFEROUS-QUARTZ MINING.

The value of the bullion obtained from our quartz-mines during the few months the most important of them were worked amounted to £906,189, as a result of treating 335,651 tons of ore, the dividends paid amounting to £314,903 10s.

The following is a statement of the quantity of quartz treated, the value of bullion obtained, and the amount of dividends paid by the most important quartzmines during 1912:—

	Quantity	Value	Dividends paid by Regis- tered Companies only.	
Name of Company.	of Quartz treated.	of Bullion.	1912.	Total to End of December, 1912.
Waihi Gold-mining Company (Limited) Waihi Grand Junction Gold-mining Company (Limited) Talisman Consolidated (Limited) New Big River Gold-mining Company (Limited) Waihi-Paeroa Gold-extraction Company (Limited) Other quartz-mines	Imperial Tons. 131,989 37,242 42,780 7,666 * 115,974	£ 316,724 74,371 246,569 36,657 33,811 198,057	£ 148,772 19,219 125,062 15,600 6,250 Nil	38,437 685,353 67,200
Totals	335,651	906,189	314,903	5,176,597

\* Re-treated tailings (84,178 tons).

## ALLUVIAL AND DREDGE MINING.

Gold to the value of £266,348 was obtained from alluvial mines during 1912, being £8,868 less than that obtained during the previous year, and £77,884 more than during 1911. This increase may be attributed to a more general rainfall during the two past years rather than to an improvement in the development of the sluicing claims.

sluicing claims. The value of the production from our gold-dredges during 1912 amounted to £257,333, as against £297,900 for 1911; but dredge mining is now acknowledged to be long past its zenith. The dredges in commission numbered jeighty-seven,