

## APPENDIX B.

### REPORTS RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF COAL-MINES.

The INSPECTING ENGINEER OF MINES to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES.

Sir,—

Wellington, 12th March, 1918.

I have the honour to present my annual report, together with statistical information, in regard to the coal-mines of the Dominion, for the year ended 31st December, 1917.

The report is divided into the following sections:—

- I. Output.
- II. Persons employed.
- III. Accidents.
- IV. General Remarks.

Annexures—

- A. Summary of Annual Reports by Inspectors of Mines.
- B. Statistics of Workings in Collieries.

#### SECTION I.—OUTPUT.

The output of the several classes of coal mined in each inspection district is summarized as follows:—

Class of Coal.	Output of Coal during 1917.				Total Output to the End of 1917.
	Northern District.	West Coast District.	Southern District.	Total.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and semi-bituminous*	101,320	1,146,669	...	<b>1,247,989</b>	30,048,697
Brown ... ..	369,318	109	259,747	<b>629,174</b>	13,774,384
Lignite ... ..	...	...	191,256	<b>191,256</b>	2,335,509
Totals for 1917 ...	<b>470,638</b>	<b>1,146,778</b>	<b>451,003</b>	<b>2,068,419</b>	<b>46,158,590</b>
Totals for 1916 ...	486,114	1,295,635	475,386	2,257,135	44,090,171

\* Including coal formerly classified as "pitch" coal.