

I. MINERALS ENTERED FOR EXPORTATION.

The following statement shows the value of minerals entered for exportation from metal-mines, quarries, and kauri-gum fields from the 1st January, 1853 to the 31st December, 1919 :—

Classification.	1918.	1919.	Increase or Decrease.	Total from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1919.
				£
Gold	782,650*	923,095	Inc. 140,445	88,457,308*
Silver	171,456	103,037	Dec. 68,419	2,561,285
Quicksilver	2,122	4,619	Inc. 2,497	6,741
Tungsten-ore	37,922	29,489	Dec. 8,433	297,933
Other minerals	5,882	4,039	" 1,843	429,407
Kauri-gum... ..	157,313	255,812	Inc. 98,499	18,581,064

* Entered for export, but not all exported.

II. PERSONS EMPLOYED.

The following statement shows the number of persons ordinarily employed in or about the metalliferous mines of the Dominion during the year :—

Classification.	Inspection District.			Total, 1919.
	Northern.	West Coast.	Southern.	
Gold, silver, and tungsten	1,153	589	443	2,185
Cinnabar	14	...	...	14
Asbestos ... ..	...	2	...	2
Totals for 1919	1,167	591	443	2,201
Totals for 1918	1,277	763	542	2,582

III. ACCIDENTS.

The following is a summary of persons killed or seriously injured in metalliferous mines during 1919 :—

Inspection District.	Explosives.		Falls of Ground.		In Shafts.		Miscellane- ous Under- ground.		Surface.		About Dredges.		Total.	
	Killed.	Seriously Injured.	Killed.	Seriously Injured.	Killed.	Seriously Injured.	Killed.	Seriously Injured.	Killed.	Seriously Injured.	Killed.	Seriously Injured.	Killed.	Seriously Injured.
Northern	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
West Coast	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	4
Southern	2	...	...	...	...	2
Totals	2	1	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	4	4

The proportion of fatalities per 1,000 persons employed is 1·82, but of the four fatalities included really only one occurred in or about a metal-mine. The accidental upturning of a boat belonging to a gold-dredge which was being dismantled accounted for three lives, and as dredging operations are controlled by the Mining Act these fatalities have been included among mining accidents,