

## APPENDIX B.

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

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

SIR,—

Wellington, 31st March, 1920.

I have the honour to present my annual report, together with statistical information, in regard to coal-mines of the Dominion, for the year ended 31st December, 1919, in accordance with section 78 of the Coal-mines Act, 1908.

The statistical tables here published are in the same form as personally compiled by me and published in the Mines Statement and Year-book during the past fourteen years, likewise as supplied in advance by me by request to the Board of Trade and published by such Board without acknowledgment in its report on the Coal Industry, 1919.

The report is divided into the following sections:—

- I. Output of Mineral.
- II. Persons employed.
- III. Accidents.
- IV. Working of the Coal-mines Act—
  - (a.) Ventilation.
  - (b.) Inflammable Gas and Safety-lamps.
  - (c.) Systematic Timbering.
  - (d.) Permitted Explosives.
  - (e.) Crushing of Coal Pillars and Subaqueous Mining.
  - (f.) Inspection of Old Workings.
  - (g.) Mine Rescue Work.
  - (h.) Electricity at Collieries.
- V. Legislation affecting Coal-mining.

Annexures—

- A. Summary of Annual Reports by Inspectors of Mines.
- B. Colliery Statistics.

#### 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 1919.				Total Output to the End of 1919.
	Northern District.	West Coast District.	Southern District.	Total.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and semi-bituminous	115,390	845,717	...	961,107	32,132,112
Brown ... ..	393,841	109	290,381	684,331	15,164,488
Lignite ... ..	2,220	...	200,190	202,410	2,744,088
Totals for 1919 ...	511,451	845,826	490,571	1,847,848	50,040,688
Totals for 1918 ...	549,778	997,089	487,383	2,034,250	48,192,840