

APPENDIX B.

REPORTS RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF COAL-MINES.

THE INSPECTING ENGINEER AND CHIEF INSPECTOR OF COAL-MINES to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES.

SIR,—

Wellington, 8th July, 1927.

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, 1926, in accordance with section 42 of the Coal-mines Act, 1925. The report is divided into the following sections:—

- I. Output.
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 - IV. Working of the Coal-mines Act—
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 - (b) List of Mines required by Law to use Permitted Explosives.
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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 1926.				Total Output to the End of 1926.
	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Totals.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and sub-bituminous	111,918	1,084,470	..	1,196,388	39,179,785
Brown	541,931	37,450	326,444	905,825	20,807,277
Lignite	256	137,530	137,786	3,972,280
Totals for 1926 ..	653,849	1,122,176	463,974	2,239,999	63,959,342
Totals for 1925 ..	672,403	951,396	491,196	2,114,995	61,719,343

The following is a table showing the annual production of coal and the quantity of coal imported since 1911:—

Year.	Coal produced.	Coal imported.	Total Quantity of Coal produced and imported.	Year.	Coal produced.	Coal imported.	Total Quantity of Coal produced and imported.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1911 ..	2,066,073	188,068	2,254,141	1919 ..	1,847,848	391,434	2,239,282
1912 ..	2,177,615	364,359	2,541,974	1920 ..	1,843,705	476,343	2,320,048
1913 ..	1,888,005	468,940	2,356,945	1921 ..	1,809,095	822,459	2,631,554
1914 ..	2,275,614*	518,070	2,793,684*	1922 ..	1,857,819	501,478	2,359,297
1915 ..	2,208,624	353,471	2,562,095	1923 ..	1,969,834	445,792	2,415,626
1916 ..	2,257,135	293,956	2,551,091	1924 ..	2,083,207	674,483	2,757,690
1917 ..	2,068,419	291,597	2,360,016	1925 ..	2,114,995	572,573	2,687,568
1918 ..	2,034,250	255,332	2,289,582	1926 ..	2,239,999	483,918	2,723,917

* Includes 21 tons of shale.