

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, 5th July, 1928.

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, 1927, in accordance with section 42 of the Coal-mines Act, 1925. The report is divided into the following sections:—

- I. Output.
 - II. Persons employed.
 - III. Accidents.
 - IV. Working of the Coal-mines Act—
 - (a) Permitted Explosives.
 - (b) List of Mines required by Law to use Permitted Explosives.
 - (c) List of Mines required by Law to use Safety-lamps.
 - (d) Dangerous Occurrences.
 - (e) Electricity at Collieries.
 - (f) Prosecutions.
 - 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 1927.				Total Output to the End of 1927.
	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Totals.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and sub-bituminous	172,348	1,118,181	..	1,290,529	40,470,314
Brown	575,182	37,792	341,462	954,436	21,761,713
Lignite	218	121,557	121,775	4,094,055
Totals for 1927 ..	747,530	1,156,191	463,019	2,366,740	66,326,082
Totals for 1926 ..	653,849	1,122,176	463,974	2,239,999	63,959,342

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	1920 ..	1,843,705	476,343	2,320,048
1912 ..	2,177,615	364,359	2,541,974	1921 ..	1,809,095	822,459	2,631,554
1913 ..	1,888,005	468,940	2,356,945	1922 ..	1,857,819	501,478	2,359,297
1914 ..	2,275,614*	518,070	2,793,684*	1923 ..	1,969,834	445,792	2,415,626
1915 ..	2,208,624	353,471	2,562,095	1924 ..	2,083,207	674,483	2,757,690
1916 ..	2,257,135	293,956	2,551,091	1925 ..	2,114,995	572,573	2,687,568
1917 ..	2,068,419	291,597	2,360,016	1926 ..	2,239,999	483,918	2,723,917
1918 ..	2,034,250	255,332	2,289,582	1927 ..	2,366,740	378,090	2,744,830
1919 ..	1,847,848	391,434	2,239,282				

* Includes 21 tons shale.