

The following statement shows the value of New Zealand minerals (other than coal and coke) and allied substances exported from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1928 :—

	1928.	1927.	Increase or Decrease.	Total from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1928.
	£	£	£	£
Gold	489,584	534,639	Dec. 45,055	93,427,622
Silver	44,416	42,589	Inc. 1,827	3,103,665
Tungsten-ore	328	821	Dec. 493	306,272
Kauri-gum	240,139	278,632	„ 38,493	22,374,522
Pig iron	1,994	4,592	„ 2,598	6,586
Manganese ore .. .. .	..	12	„ 12	62,006
Sand, lime, and building-stone	8,830	6,421	Inc. 2,409 }	482,172
Other minerals .. .. .	..	215	Dec. 215 }	
Totals	785,291	867,921	Dec. 82,630	119,762,845

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, 1928.
	Northern.	West Coast.	Southern.	
Gold, silver, and tungsten	723	420	318	1,461
Ironstone .. .. .	..	21	..	21
Cinnabar	10	..	2	12
Totals for 1928	733	441	320	1,494
Totals for 1927	804	577	352	1,733

* In addition, 12 persons were employed in sulphur-mining and 34 persons in oil-boring operations.

III. ACCIDENTS.

During 1928 one fatal and six serious but non-fatal accidents occurred in or about metalliferous mines, at which 1,494 persons were ordinarily employed.

Cause.	Fatal Accidents.		Serious Non-fatal Accidents.	
	Number of Separate Accidents.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Separate Accidents.	Number of Persons injured.
Falls of ground.. .. .	1	1	2	2
Explosives .. .. .	..	..	2	2
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Miscellaneous, underground .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Totals	1	1	6	6

An account of the fatal accident, together with reports on the serious but non-fatal accidents, appears in the Inspectors' reports attached hereto.