

# APPENDICES TO THE MINES STATEMENT.

## APPENDIX A.

### REPORTS RELATING TO METALLIFEROUS MINES AND STONE-QUARRIES.

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

SIR,—

Wellington, 12th September, 1932.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

In accordance with the usual practice, the tables showing expenditure on roads, bridges, tracks, prospecting operations, &c., are for the period covered by the financial year—viz., from the 1st April, 1931, to the 31st March, 1932.

The reports, &c., are divided into the following sections: I. Minerals produced and exported. II. Persons employed. III. Accidents. IV. Gold-mining—(1) Quartz-mining; (2) Dredge Mining; (3) Alluvial Mining. V. Minerals other than Gold. VI. Stone-quarry Inspection and Statistics. VII. State Aid to Mining—(1) Subsidized Prospecting; (2) Government Prospecting-drills; (3) Subsidized Roads on Goldfields.

Annexures: (A) Summary of Reports by Inspectors of Mines. (B) Summary of Report by Inspector of Quarries. (C) Mining Statistics.

#### I. MINERALS PRODUCED AND EXPORTED.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metal-mines and of the value of the production from stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act during 1931 and 1930:—

Mineral.	1931.		1930.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver (estimated) .. .. .	Oz. dwt. 564,871 0	£ 657,189	Oz. dwt. 639,795 0	£ 550,978
Platinum .. .. .	0 10 Tons cwt.	5	2 10 Tons cwt.	16
Tungsten-ore .. .. .	.. .. .	..	23 13 Tons cwt.	1,207
Pig-iron .. .. .	3,460 0	17,300	8,075 0	40,375
Stone .. .. .	.. .. .	316,366	.. .. .	413,291
Pumice .. .. .	2,321 0	7,589	2,559 0	8,472
Sulphur .. .. .	.. .. .	..	849 0	13,261
Silica-sand .. .. .	35 11	18	53 19	27
Quicksilver .. .. .	15 5	7,296	1 16	1,080
Totals .. .. .	.. .. .	1,005,763	.. .. .	1,028,707

The following statement shows the value of New Zealand minerals (other than coal and coke) and allied substances exported during 1931 and 1930, and since 1st January, 1853:—

—	1931.	1930.	Increase or Decrease.	Total from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1931.
	£	£		
Gold .. .. .	577,612	550,678	Inc. 26,934	95,036,124
Silver .. .. .	34,424	44,534	Dec. 10,110	3,224,098
Tungsten-ore .. .. .	320	1,469	„ 1,149	311,529
Antimony-ore .. .. .	36	..	Inc. 36	55,081
Kauri-gum .. .. .	128,095	189,635	Dec. 61,540	22,959,862
Pig iron .. .. .	..	29	„ 29	6,615
Quicksilver .. .. .	7,760	1,188	Inc. 6,572	17,284
Manganese-ore .. .. .	..	5	Dec. 5	62,011
Sand, lime, and building-stone .. .. .	7,752	9,265	„ 1,513 }	445,060
Other minerals .. .. .	28	172	„ 144 }	
Totals .. .. .	756,027	796,975	Dec. 40,948	122,117,664