

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, 14th June, 1937.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1936.

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, 1936, to the 31st March, 1937.

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; (4) General Remarks.

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 from metal-mines and of the value of production from stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act during 1936 and 1935 :—

Mineral.	1936.		1935.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver (estimated)	Oz. dwt. 597,548 0	£ 1,272,587	Oz. dwt. 603,244 0	£ 1,300,046
Platinum	29 11	187	14 0	79
Pig-iron	Tons cwt. ..	..	Tons cwt. 4,902 0	23,775
Stone .. .. .	..	342,861	..	289,274
Pumice	3,242 0	8,881	3,300 0	8,769
Tungsten-ore	28 2	3,448	39 7	4,719
Quicksilver	lb. ..	..	lb. 563	132
Totals .. .. .	..	1,627,964	..	1,626,794

The following statement shows the value of New Zealand minerals (other than coal and coke) and allied substances exported during 1936 and 1935, and since 1st January, 1853 :—

	1936.	1935.	Increase or Decrease.	Total from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1936.
	£	£	£	£
Gold	1,385,003	1,423,026	Dec. 38,023	101,259,526
Silver	55,574	61,277	„ 5,703	3,457,471
Tungsten-ore	5,563	7,083	„ 1,520	330,113
Kauri-gum	96,161	79,113	Inc. 17,048	23,362,163
Sand, lime, and building-stone	8,881	8,769	„ 112	632,626
Other minerals .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Totals	1,551,182	1,579,268	Dec. 28,086	129,041,899