

1946
NEW ZEALAND

MINES STATEMENT

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MR. SPEAKER,—

I have the honour to present to Parliament the annual statement on the mining industry of the Dominion for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

MINERAL PRODUCTION

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metalliferous mines, quarries, and coal-mines during 1945 and 1944:—

Mineral.	1945.		1944.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver*	372,908 oz.	£ 1,389,959	470,568 oz.	£ 1,518,119
Platinum	..	..	..	..
Arsenic	17 tons	306	16 tons	284
Asbestos	31 cwt.	31	17 "	340
Bentonite	167 tons	800	360 "	1,640
Clays†	8,251 "	5,408	6,668 "	4,335
Coal	2,833,576 "	4,250,364	2,805,970 "	2,805,970
Diatomaceous earth	255 "	446	55 "	94
Dolomite	4,644 "	2,322	3,931 "	1,474
Fuller's earth	76 "	273	106 "	387
Iron-ore	6,067 "	14,648	6,036 "	11,550
Magnesite	111 "	100	103 "	93
Manganese-ore	..	..	..	..
Mica	882 lb.	882	292 lb.	292
Phosphate	7,956 tons	2,188	19,931 tons	20,551
Pumice	2,183 "	9,163	2,931 "	11,856
Quartzite	39 "	71	47 "	85
Serpentine	13,933 "	3,329	37,711 "	10,373
Silica sand	20,009 "	45,066	24,319 "	57,395
Stone	..	710,448	..	627,033
Talc	..	..	25 "	10
Tungsten-ore	34 "	10,360	145 "	67,081
Quicksilver	2,294 lb.	2,294	6,840 lb.	6,840
Totals	..	6,448,458	..	5,145,802

* The gold-silver bullion is generally exported unseparated.

† Other than for brickmaking.

NOTE.—The values shown in the above and subsequent tables are expressed in New Zealand currency.