

WALLSEND COLLIERY

Coal-winning.—The gross output for the year was 47,075 tons 4 cwt. 1 qr., a decrease of 158 tons 4 cwt. 2 qr., when compared with the figures for the previous year. After allowing for waste (571 tons 1 cwt. 1 qr.) and the quantity used on works (1,840 tons), there remained for disposal a net output of 44,664 tons 3 cwt.

Taking into account the stocks at the beginning and end of the year, the following statement shows details of the coal disposed of during the year:—

1st April, 1946—			Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Stock in bin and yard	..	..	511	19	0			
Stock on wharf	..	..	165	4	0			
						677	3	0
Add net output for year	..	..				44,664	3	0
						45,341	6	0
31st March, 1947—								
Less stock in bin and yard	..	..	376	4	1			
Less stock on wharf	..	..				376	4	1
Total disposed of	..	..				44,965	1	3

Disposals

			Tons.	cwt.	qr.			
Shipped	..	..	27,196	0	2			
Railed to Canterbury, &c.	..	..	4,705	3	3			
Railway sales	..	..	10,874	0	3			
Local and mine sales	..	..	1,679	16	3			
Sales to workmen and free issues	..	..	510	0	0			
						44,965	1	3

The gross output from the colliery since it was taken over the by State Coal-mines on 22nd February, 1943, totals 216,683 tons 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Days worked.—The colliery worked 228½ days out of a possible 242 ordinary working-days. In addition, the colliery worked 5 back Saturdays, 1 statutory holiday, and 3 substituted statutory holidays, making the total days worked 237½. The difference between the ordinary days worked, 228½, and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: 8½ days, monthly union meeting, &c.; 1 day, funeral of employee; 1 day, damaged loading-bank; ¼ day, football match; 1 day, gas accumulation; 2 days, fan stoppages due to power failures; ¼ day, election day.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 133 men and 5 boys, made up as follows—Underground: coal-hewers, 39; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 75. Surface: 24 men and 5 boys.

Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £3 Os. 6d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £2 17s. 6d., an increase of 8s. 2d. when compared with the previous period.

Daily Output.—The average daily output was 198 tons 8 cwt. 2 qr. and the coal-hewers' average daily output was 6 tons 16 cwt. 3 qr., as compared with 200 tons 0 cwt. 2 qr. and 6 tons 8 cwt. 2 qr. respectively for the previous year. The total number of hewer shifts for the year was 6,881.