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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, 1947.

## MINERAL PRODUCTION

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metalliferous mines, quarries, and coal-mines during 1947 and 1946 :—

Mineral.	1947.		1946.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
<i>Fuels</i>				
		£(N.Z.)		£(N.Z.)
Coal .. .. .	2,751,725 tons	4,127,588	2,793,870 tons	4,190,805
<i>Metals</i>				
Gold .. .. .	112,260 oz.	1,210,537	119,271 oz.	1,262,524
Silver .. .. .	221,984 oz.	53,840	224,341 oz.	59,707
Platinum .. .. .	..	..	14 oz.	312
Arsenic .. .. .	8 tons	143	18 tons	316
Iron-ore .. .. .	6,226 tons	13,841	7,406 tons	16,422
Copper-ore .. .. .	580 tons	6,255	..	..
Tungsten-ore .. .. .	22 tons	10,500	27 tons	6,350
Manganese-ore .. .. .	..	..	402 tons	1,686
<i>Non-metallics</i>				
Bentonite .. .. .	215 tons	1,049	154 tons	777
Clay for bricks, tiles, &c. ..	150,808 tons	33,893	109,809 tons	26,179
Clay for pottery, fillers, &c. ..	11,970 tons	9,970	9,425 tons	5,186
Diatomite .. .. .	436 tons	709	348 tons	574
Dolomite .. .. .	7,034 tons	3,517	3,893 tons	1,946
Fuller's earth .. .. .	31 tons	120	75 tons	318
Limestone, marl, &c., for cement	399,335 tons	73,769	} 2,701,462 tons	741,162
Limestone for agriculture ..	1,020,810 tons	407,759		
Limestone for industrial uses ..	18,401 tons	6,859		
Sand, gravel, &c., for roads and ballast	1,617,953 tons	478,308		
Sand, &c., for building aggregate	375,435 tons	137,123		
Dimension stone for building ..	14,528 tons	11,143		
Stone dust for coal-mines, &c. ..	1,298 tons	270		
Rock for harbour-work .. ..	41,347 tons	6,451		
Magnesite .. .. .	362 tons	253		
Phosphate .. .. .	200 tons	100		
Pumice .. .. .	3,389 tons	2,635	3,409 tons	12,347
Quartzite .. .. .	13 tons	33	18 tons	33
Serpentine .. .. .	31,935 tons	11,803	20,058 tons	3,966
Silica sand .. .. .	14,443 tons	30,358	16,949 tons	38,921
Totals .. .. .	..	6,638,826	..	6,373,107