

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, 1947—		Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Stock in bin and yard	875	12	2			
Stock on wharf	88	18	2			
					964	11	0
Add net output for year	80,740	0	0			
Add surplus stocks	2,040	9	1			
					82,780	9	1
					83,745	0	1
31st March, 1948—							
Less stock in bin and yard	811	4	0			
Less stock on wharf	147	1	0			
					958	5	0
Total disposed of				82,786	15	1

Disposals

	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Shipped	43,668	4	1
Railed to Canterbury, &c. ..	33,175	19	1
Railway sales	895	5	2
Local and mine sales	4,186	8	2
Sales to workmen and free issues ..	860	17	3
	82,786	15	1

The gross output from the colliery since its inception totals 4,354,111 tons 17 cwt.

Days Worked.—The colliery worked 226 days out of a possible 241 ordinary working-days. In addition, the colliery worked 3 substituted statutory holidays, making the total days worked 229. The difference between the ordinary days worked, 226, and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: 1 day, rope boy sent home; 6 days, heating in mine; 1 day, Strongman double place dispute; 1 day, smash in bins tunnel; 1 day, funeral late Hon. J. O'Brien; 3 days, death and funeral of workman; 1 day, miners did not work; 1 day, slip on railway-line.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 277 men and 14 boys, made up as follows—Underground: Coal-hewers, 64; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 158. Surface: 55 men and 14 boys.

Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £3 6s. 2d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 3s. 8d., an increase of 4s. 2d. per day when compared with the previous period.

Daily Output.—The average daily output was 371 tons 8 cwt. and the coal-hewers' average daily output was 6 tons 5 cwt., as compared with 420 tons 10 cwt. and 6 tons 2 cwt. respectively for the previous year. The total number of hewer shifts for the year was 13,596.

Deficiencies.—There were no payments made under the minimum-wage clause during the year.

Accidents.—On 10th March a horse-driver dropped dead whilst proceeding to the foot of the hoist. Apart from this case, there were no serious accidents during the year.