

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 :—

		Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
1st April, 1948—							
Stock in bins and yard .. ..	78	14	0				
Add net output for year .. ..	36,210	0	0				
					36,288	14	0
31st March, 1949—							
Less stock in bins and yard .. ..					58	9	0
					36,230	5	0

#### Disposals

		Tons	cwt.	qr.			
Local and mine sales .. ..	1,282	0	0				
Railed .. ..	34,277	16	0				
Sales to workmen and free issues .. ..	670	9	0				
					36,230	5	0

The gross output since the colliery was taken over by the State Coal-mines is 441,209 tons 1 cwt.

*Days Worked.*—The colliery worked 225 days 6 hours out of a possible of 242 ordinary working-days. In addition, the colliery worked on 2 statutory holidays, making a total of 227 days 6 hours worked. The difference between the ordinary days worked and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows : Union meetings, 5 days ; deputies' strike, 3½ hours ; truckers' strike, 3 days ; dispute, 3½ hours ; power failure 1 day 1 hour ; transport (damaged bridge), 5 days ; mechanical breakdown, 3½ hours ; no turnout of men last backshift of year, 3½ hours.

*Employees.*—In connection with coal-winning, there were employed in and about the mine an average of 129 men and 2 boys, made up as follows—Underground : Coal-hewers, 30 ; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 72. Surface : 27 men and 2 boys.

*Daily Earnings.*—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings were (gross) £3 11s. 3d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 8s. 11d., a decrease of 2s. 2d. per day when compared with the previous year.

*Daily Output.*—The average daily output was 169 tons 5 cwt. and the average per coal-hewer was 5 tons 19 cwt. as compared with 231 tons 4 cwt. and 8 tons 11 cwt. the previous year.

*NOTE.*—In addition, 4,580 tons of stone were filled during the year.

*Hewers' Shifts.*—Hewers' shifts worked were 6,411.

*Deficiencies.*—No amounts were paid under the minimum-wage clause during the year.

*Accidents.*—There were 64 accidents reported during the year, 3 being of a serious nature.

*Underground Workings.*—No pillar-extraction was done this year. The output was obtained from solid workings and from the fallen coal filled out of the airways.

No. 2 East level was driven 24 chains, and "C" Panel headings and "D" Panel headings were driven 6 chains and 7 chains respectively. The Slant Dip was advanced 12 chains and the No. 3 East level, off this dip, has been driven 3 chains.

In all the above development places the coal was of good quality.

A 27 ft. upthrow fault was encountered in both the No. 2 East level and in the "D" Panel headings. It was successfully crossed and the seam picked up again.

Excessive amounts of slack coal, constituting a fire hazard, were filled-out from a total length of 97 chains of airways.