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*Employees.*—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 339 men and 14 boys, made up as follows:—

Underground—

Fly Creek—

Coal-hewers .. .. .	24
Deputies, shiftman, and truckers .. .	43

Webb mine—

Coal-hewers .. .. .	32
Deputies, shiftman, and truckers .. .	65

Surface—

"E" Hill Opencast—

Machine operators and truck-drivers .. .	39
Haulage, banking, screening, and loading, &c.—	
Men .. .. .	136
Boys .. .. .	14

*Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.*—Fly Creek Colliery: The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £4 0s. 7d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 17s. 2d., an increase of 13s. 2d. per day when compared with the previous period.

*Webb Colliery.*—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £4 6s. 2d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £4 0s. 11d., an increase of 7s. 9d. per day when compared with the previous period.

*Daily Outputs.*—Fly Creek Colliery: The average daily output was 147 tons 10 cwt. 3 qr. and the coal-hewers' average daily output was 7 ton 7 cwt. 1 qr., as compared with 122 tons 9 cwt. 1 qr. and 6 tons 13 cwt. 2 qr. respectively for the previous year. The total number of hewer shifts was 4,798.

*Webb Colliery:* The average daily output was 311 tons 12 cwt. 2 qr., and the coal-hewers' average daily output was 10 tons 13 cwt. 1 qr., as compared with 292 tons 14 cwt. and 9 tons 14 cwt. 1 qr. respectively for the previous year. The total number of hewer shifts worked was 7,000.

"E" Hill Opencast: The average daily output was 438 tons as compared with 635 tons 14 cwt. 2 qr. for the previous year.

*Accidents.*—There were 140 accidents during the year, the most serious being accidents suffered by two electricians whilst working on high-tension power reticulation at Waimangaroa on the 1st March, 1949. One suffered fractures of the right os calcis, left tibia, and lower ends of left radius and ulna, and the other suffered a fracture of the right patella.