

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

1st April, 1948—		Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Stock on wharf	.. ..	22	16	0			
Stock in bins and yard	.. ..	130	0	0			
					152	16	0
Add net output for year	.. ..				58,873	10	0
					59,026	6	0
31st March, 1949—							
Less stock in bins and yard	.. ..	648	1	1			
Less stock on wharf	.. ..	420	9	0			
					1,068	10	1
Total disposed of	.. ..				57,957	15	3

Disposals

	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Shipped	30,548	9	0
Railed	21,864	14	2
Railway sales	3,589	0	1
Local and mine sales	989	4	0
Workmen and free issues	966	8	0
	57,957	15	3

Days Worked.—The colliery worked $239\frac{2}{3}$ days out of a possible 242 days. In addition, the colliery worked 2 substituted statutory holidays and 5 annual holidays, making the total days worked $246\frac{2}{3}$ days. The difference between the ordinary days worked, $239\frac{2}{3}$ and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows : union meetings and cavils, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days ; polling-day, $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 121 men and 7 boys, made up as follows :—

Underground—			
Hewers .. ..	..	..	25
Deputies, shiftmen, and truckers .. ..	..	..	53 men
			2 boys
Surface .. ..	..	..	43 men
			5 boys.

Coal-hewers Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers average daily earnings (gross) were £3 6s. 4d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 2s. 8d.

Daily Outputs.—The average daily output was 240 tons 17 cwt and the coal-hewers' average daily output was 11 tons 11 cwt. The total number of hewer shifts worked was 5,137.

Accidents.—There were 45 accidents during the year, none being of a serious nature.

Underground Workings.—Old Dip Mine : Pillar-extraction has been carried on during the year on the Settlement section and in the lower areas of this mine. In the Settlement, a line of strong concrete dams was built in an endeavour to hold a barrier of water between a recent fire and the present workings. Good extraction has been obtained here by the four pairs working in high coal.