

*Bathhouse*: This building was completed and used early in the year.

*Surface Buildings*.—Two Army huts were re-erected for storage of machinery.

*Screening Plant*.—A new screen building adjacent to the mine has been erected and is now ready for the installation of the plant.

*Extension of Railway to New Screen Building*.—Formation was brought up to within 10 chains of new screen building and excavation completed in readiness for gravelling this last section.

*Locomotive*.—A 24-ton locomotive was purchased, reconditioned, and put into service.

*Drilling*.—With the arrival of a new drill, a boring programme was commenced on a structural contour 10 chains approximately to the dip from the lowest mine workings. Of three holes, two have been completed to the greywacke basement, with disappointing results.

#### GARVEY CREEK COLLIERY

*Coal-winning*. The gross output for the year was 12,559 tons 10 cwt., an increase of 5,673 tons 10 cwt. when compared with the figures for the previous year. After allowing for the quantity used on works (109 tons), there remained for disposal a net output of 12,450 tons 10 cwt.

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	..	39 0 1	
Stock in bin and yard	..	12,450 10 0	
Add net output for year	..		12,489 10 1
31st March, 1949	..		128 16 1
Less stock in bin and yard	..		
Total disposed of	..		12,360 14 0

#### Disposals

		Tons cwt. qr.	
Shipped	..	2,634 16 1	
Railed to Canterbury, &c.	..	9,696 7 3	
Local and mine sales	..	10 10 0	
Sales to workmen and free issues	..	19 0 0	
			12,360 14 0

The gross output from the colliery since its inception totals 19,445 tons 10 cwt.

*Days Worked*.—The colliery worked 239 days out of a possible 242 ordinary working-days. In addition, the colliery worked 2 substituted statutory holidays, making the total days worked 241. The difference between the ordinary days worked, 239, and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: 1 day, dispute *re* pay deductions on account of stop-work meetings; 1 day, washout on road; 1 day, dispute *re* appointment of deputy manager.

*Employees*.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 43 men, made up as follows—Underground: Coal-hewers, 12; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 23. Surface: 8 men.

*Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings*.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £3 15s. 7d. per day, and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 9s. 9d., an increase of 12s. 3d. when compared with the previous period.