

CO-OPERATIVE MINES IN GREY DISTRICT

Spark and Party's Mine, Rewanui (E. Cowan (Underviewer), Mine-manager).—All the output was obtained from pillar-extraction.

Two men were employed on the surface and 8 men underground.

Old Runanga Mine (O'Brien and Party), Rewanui (E. W. Kennedy (Underviewer), Mine-manager).—The output was won from pillar-extraction on the rise side of the main haulage level. The face of this level was stopped within 2 chains of a bore in which is reported 5 ft. coal.

Two men were employed on the surface and 7 men underground.

Moody Creek Mine (Wright and Party), Dunollie (R. K. McTaggart (Underviewer), Mine-manger).—The output was won from pillar splitting and extraction. A new return airway was connected to the surface and a fan installed. One man was employed on the surface and 8 men underground.

Goldlight Mine (Williams and Party), Rewanui (A. Crawford (Underviewer), Mine-manager).—Pillar-extraction was continued throughout the year and a high extraction under good roof conditions was obtained. One man was employed on the surface and 9 men underground.

New Point B. Party's Mine, Dunollie (J. H. Jackson (Underviewer), Mine-manager).—The output was won from pillar-extraction. It is expected that this mine will be abandoned in 1950. One man was employed on the surface and 5 men underground.

Kiwi Mine, Ten-mile (R. Scott (First Class), Mine-manager).—This party was engaged mainly on development work throughout the year. One man was employed on the surface and eight men underground.

Boote and Party's Mine (Kaye and Party), Ten mile (R. E. Laing (Underviewer), Mine-manager).—Pillar-extraction was continued throughout the year. It is expected that this mine will be abandoned in 1950. One man was employed on the surface and 2 men underground.

Hunter and Party's Mine, Dunollie (N. Forsythe (First Class), Mine-manager).—All the output was won from pillar-extraction on the rise side of the haulage road, a high extraction being obtained. One man was employed on the surface and 9 men underground.

Schultz Creek Mine (H. Gould and Co. Ltd.), Twelve-mile (W. J. Beeby (Permit), Mine-manager).—Pillar extraction was continued in a seam 3 ft. thick, a high extraction being obtained. One man was employed on the surface and 2 men underground.

Cliffdale Mine (Stuart and Party), Ten-mile (W. Boyle (Deputy), Mine-manager).—Pillar-extraction was continued throughout the year. An excessive amount of water was entering the mine, making pumping costs high. It is expected that this mine will be abandoned in 1950. Two men were employed on the surface and 5 men underground.

Bellvue Mine, Rapahoe (J. Allen (Underviewer), Mine-manager).—One pair of miners continued extracting pillars in the West Mine. Part of the seam had to be sealed off owing to fire. Very little coal was lost. In the East Mine the output was obtained from development work in a seam 10 ft. thick. This party is working the James seam. The floor of the seam is undulating and the coal hard. One man was employed on the surface and 9 men underground.

Jubilee Mine (Tinning and Party), Rapahoe (J. Tinning (Deputy), Mine-manager).—Pillar-extraction was continued on the rise side of the horse haulage road. The hard roof allowed a high percentage of extraction. One man was employed on the surface and 7 men underground.

Coaldale Mine, Rapahoe (E. W. Broad (Deputy), Mine-manager).—Mining operations at the old mine were abandoned during the year. A new mine is being opened up adjacent to the Bellvue lease. A drive has been put into the seam for about 2 chains. Two men were employed on the surface and 2 men underground.

Cliffside Mine (Moore and Party), Nine-mile (R. McTaggart (Underviewer), Mine-manager).—Pillar-extraction was continued in a seam about 10 ft. thick. Two men were employed on the surface and 6 men underground.

Brahead Mine (Boote and Party), Dunollie (G. H. Gaskell (Second Class), Mine-manager).—Pillar-extraction was continued on both sides of the main dip. The seam is now free of stone bands and the percentage of coal recovered was increased. A new drive from the horse haulage road was being driven in a southerly direction to strike the seam approximately 50 ft. above the one now being worked. One man was employed on the surface and seven men underground.

Harrison and Party's Mine, Ten-mile (J. Cowan (Second Class), Mine-manager).—Development work was abandoned in a thin seam with stone bands. Pillar-extraction was commenced and continued throughout the year. Bad roof conditions made pillar-extraction difficult. One man was employed on the surface and 6 men underground.

Exhibition Mine (Hassan and Party), Eight-mile (P. Hassan (First Class), Mine-manager).—All the output was won from development work in a seam adjacent to the old James Mine workings. Owing to unfavourable mining conditions the drag-line loader is not now being used. One man was employed on the surface and 6 men underground.

New Aerial Mine, Ten-mile Creek (L. Jones (Permit), Mine-manager).—The output for the year was obtained by development work in an 8 ft. seam which is on the north side of Ten-mile Creek. The coal is lowered on aerial ropeway to Briandale locomotive road. Two men employed on the surface and 2 men underground.

Harries and Party, Rewanui (J. M. Williams (Second Class), Mine-manager).—Development work was continued in two levels and crosscuts on the dip side of Hunter and party's workings. Towards the end of the year indications were that the levels were approaching the thicker seam in Hunter's Mine. One man was employed on the surface and 5 men underground.