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INSPECTION OF COAL-MINES REPORT.
("THE COAL-MINES ACT, 1905.")

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

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SIR, Mines Department, Wellington, 20th April, 1906.
I have the honour to submit the annual reports on the coal-mines of the colony for the year ended 31st December, 1905.

OUTPUT.

The output of the several classes of coal mined in each inspection district is summarised as follows :—

Class of Coal, &c.	Northern District.	West Coast District.	Southern District.	Total.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and semi-bituminous coal ...	114,449	850,634	...	965,083
Pitch-coal ... ..	...	2,867	20,205	23,072
Brown coal	145,427	2,726	348,783	496,936
Lignite ... ..	...	...	100,665	100,665
Totals	259,876	856,227	469,653	1,585,756

As compared with the output for the preceding year, the above statement shows an increase of 47,918 tons, and the comparison of the relative increase and decrease of the different classes of coal, &c., won during the year 1905 is given in the following tabulated form :—

Class of Coal, &c.	Northern District.		West Coast District.		Southern District.		Total Increase.	Total De-crease.	Total Net Increase.
	Increase.	De-crease.	Increase.	De-crease.	Increase.	De-crease.			
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and semi-bituminous coal	8,230	...	18,335	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pitch-coal ... ..	...	...	470	...	...	1,904	...	...	...
Brown coal	9,129	...	472	...	3,477	...	...	...	...
Lignite ... ..	...	...	...	...	9,709	...	...	...	...
Totals	17,359	...	19,277	...	13,186	1,904	49,822	1,904	47,918