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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.*

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SIR,— Mines Department, Wellington, 4th April, 1908.

I have the honour to submit the annual reports of inspection, together with statistical information in regard to the coal-mines of the Dominion for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

The reports are divided into the following Sections:—

- I. Output of Mineral.
- II. Persons employed.
- III. Accidents.
- IV. General Remarks.

Appendices—

- (a.) Inspectors' Reports.
- (b.) Mine-managers' Examinations, and Certificate-holders.
- (c.) Statistics of Working-collieries.

## SECTION I.—OUTPUT OF MINERAL.

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 ...	138,853	1,045,358	...	1,184,211
Pitch-coal ... ..	...	3,268	18,792	22,060
Brown coal... ..	178,124	3,396	334,277	515,797
Lignite ... ..	...	...	108,941	108,941
<b>Totals...</b>	<b>316,977</b>	<b>1,052,022</b>	<b>462,010</b>	<b>1,831,009</b>

As compared with the output for the preceding year, the above statement shows an increase of 101,473 tons.