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INSPECTION OF COAL-MINES REPORT.

(THE COAL-MINES ACT, 1908.)

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

MR. FRANK REED, M.Inst.M.M., Inspecting Engineer, to the Hon. the MINISTER OF MINES.

SIR,—

Mines Department, Wellington, 27th April, 1911.

I have the honour to present the annual reports of inspection, together with statistical information in regard to the coal-mines of the Dominion for the year ended 31st December, 1910.

The reports are divided into the following sections :—

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

Annexures—

- (a.) Inspectors' Reports.
- (b.) Mine Officials' Examinations, and List of Certificate-holders.
- (c.) Statistics of Working-colleries.

SECTION I.—OUTPUT OF MINERAL.

A satisfactory increase of 15 per cent. has to be recorded in the annual coal-production.

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

Class of Coal, &c.	Northern District.	West Coast District.	Southern District.	Total.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and semi-bituminous coal ...	154,797	1,340,912	...	1,495,709
Pitch-coal ...	...	...	6,068	6,068
Brown coal ...	245,867	120	349,008	594,995
Lignite ...	...	...	100,590	100,590
Totals for 1910...	400,664	1,341,032	455,666	2,197,362
Totals for 1909 ...	348,370	1,122,642	440,235	1,911,247
Increase ...	...	...	...	286,115