

## II. PERSONS EMPLOYED.

The following statement shows the number of persons ordinarily employed in or about the metalliferous mines of the Dominion during the year :—

Classification.	Inspection District.			Total, 1911.
	Northern.	West Coast.	Southern.	
Gold and silver ... ..	2,943	2,304	2,118	7,365
Iron ... ..	...	11	...	11
Scheelite ... ..	...	...	24	24
<b>Totals for 1911</b> ... ..	<b>2,943</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>7,400</b>
Totals for 1910 ... ..	3,190	2,468	2,463	8,121

## III. ACCIDENTS.

The following is a classification of fatal and serious mining accidents that have occurred during the year at all metalliferous mines :—

Inspection District.	Explosions.		Falls of Ground.		In Shafts.		Miscellaneous Under-ground.		Surface.		About Dredges.		Total.	
	Fatal.	Serious.	Fatal.	Serious.	Fatal.	Serious.	Fatal.	Serious.	Fatal.	Serious.	Fatal.	Serious.	Fatal.	Serious.
	Northern ... ..	1	5	2	5	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	3
West Coast ... ..	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	3
Southern ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1
<b>Totals</b> ... ..	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	...	...	...	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	...	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>

Being at the rate of 0.67 fatalities per 1,000 persons employed.

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS AT NEW ZEALAND METAL MINES AND DREDGES DURING THE YEARS 1906 TO 1911.

Cause of Accident.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Explosion ... ..	3	...	3	2	2	1
Fall of ground ... ..	3	2	2	1	1	2
In shafts ... ..	1	...	1	3	5	...
Miscellaneous : Underground ... ..	...	...	2	1	...	...
"    On surface ... ..	1	2	6	5	3	2
About dredges ... ..	6	3	1	2	4	...
Total killed ... ..	14	7	15	14	15	5
Number of employees ... ..	8,716	9,389	8,880	7,651	8,121	7,400
Rate of persons killed per 1,000 employed	1.60	0.84	1.69	1.83	1.84	0.67

SUMMARY OF PERSONS KILLED AT METAL MINES AND DREDGES DURING ELEVEN YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1911.

Year ended 31st December.	Number of Persons.		Rate per 1,000 employed.
	Killed.	Employed.	
1901 ... ..	14	12,732	1.09
1902 ... ..	14	11,398	1.04
1903 ... ..	19	10,210	1.86
1904 ... ..	15	10,898	1.37
1905 ... ..	21	9,362	2.24
1906 ... ..	14	8,716	1.60
1907 ... ..	7	9,389	0.84
1908 ... ..	15	8,880	1.69
1909 ... ..	14	7,651	1.83
1910 ... ..	15	8,121	1.84
1911 ... ..	5	7,400	0.67