

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Mines Department, Wellington, 11th November, 1918.

The Under-Secretary for Mines, Wellington.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following report of the Boards of Examiners under the Mining Act and Coal-mines Act for the year 1917-18.

A meeting of the combined Boards was held on the 30th January, 1918, to consider the work of candidates at the annual examinations. Before proceeding with the business the Chairman expressed the great regret of members at the death of their former colleague, Mr. H. A. Gordon, and their sympathy with Mrs. Gordon and other relatives of the deceased. The following new members were welcomed by the Chairman: Messrs. W. Carson, J. L. Gilmour, and Professor D. B. Waters.

First-class mine-managers' certificates under the Coal-mines Act were granted to A. W. Whittlestone and G. Langford, and partial passes to T. McDonald, T. King, M. McLean, J. Neilson, W. E. Hewitson, and C. Strongman.

No second-class certificates were awarded, but R. W. Duncan was granted a partial pass.

A first-class mine-manager's certificate under the Mining Act was granted to G. W. Lowes, and a partial pass to W. H. Scott.

A partial pass for second-class certificate was gained by J. J. Birch, while G. H. Metcalfe gained a battery superintendent's certificate and L. J. Kitching a partial pass for same.

The necessity of holding interim examinations was considered, and as it seemed that the Act required such examinations to be held, arrangements were duly made, and all candidates who had been unsuccessful at the December examinations were given an opportunity of sitting again in May.

A meeting of the coal-mining members of the Board was held on the 4th July to deal with the results of this examination, and first-class certificates were then issued to T. King, M. McLean, and C. Strongman, and a second-class certificate to J. Robertson.

A special meeting of the Board to deal with certificates under the Mining Act was not called, but with the approval of all the members a battery superintendent's certificate was granted to L. J. Kitching and a second-class mine-manager's certificate to J. J. Birch.

Examinations for firemen-deputies and underviewers were held during the year at Huntly, Greymouth, and Kaitangata, and the following certificates were granted:—

Firemen-deputies: Alex. Wyse, William Eckersley, Thomas Caldwell, Henry Timms, William Frew, John Rodgers, Robert Oliver, John Joseph Cooper, P. G. Cruickshanks, John Nuttall, Idris Lewis, Edward Kerry, Arthur Colledge, John Hale, Alex. Hill.

Underviewers: David McIvor, John Chippendale, A. J. Honey, V. Armstrong, Job Makinson, Alex. Cain.

P. G. MORGAN,
Chairman of Board.

Appended are lists of persons who hold certificates of competency under the Mining and Coal-mines Acts:—

LIST OF MINE - MANAGERS, BATTERY SUPERINTENDENTS, AND DREDGE-MASTERS WHO HOLD CERTIFICATES UNDER THE MINING ACTS.

FIRST-CLASS MINE-MANAGERS' CERTIFICATES.

Certificates of Service issued under the Mining Act, 1886, without Examination.

Adams, H. H., Waiojongomai.	Harrison, R. H., Coromandel.	Quinn, E., Te Aroha.
Andrews, T., Thames.	Hunter, R., Thames.	Ralph, J. G., Thames.
Barclay, T. H., Thames.	James, F., Thames.	Reid, P., Coromandel.
Bennett, J., Alexandra.	Jamieson, A., Coromandel.	Rooney, F., Reefton.
Black, T., Waioio.	Jenkins, M., Wakatipu.	Scott, T., Waiojongomai.
Burch, W. H., Thames.	Johnstone, H., Bluespur.	Smith, J. E., Thames.
Cameron, A., Macetown.	Kerr, J., Thames.	Stone, F., Karangahake.
Chapman, J. A., Dunedin.	McCullough, R., Thames.	Sturm, A., Waipori.
Davis, J. E., Queenstown.	McGruer, G. N., Karangahake.	Todd, C., Heriot.
Edwards, J., Skipper's.	McIntosh, D., Bluespur.	Treloer, J. S., Reefton.
Elliott, J., Macetown.	Moore, H. W., Thames.	Watson, T., Reefton.
Evans, J. H., Skipper's.	Morrisby, A. A., Glenorchy.	Wearne, T., Endeavour Inlet.
Frewen, J. B., Queenstown.	Newman, W., Naseby.	Williams, J., Skipper's.
Gilmour, T., Thames.	Polton, A., Karangahake.	Wylie, W., Ross.
Glass, W. M., Naseby.	Porter, J., Waipori.	Young, G., Skipper's.

Issued after Examination under the Mining Act, 1886, and Amendment Acts.

Adams, B., Thames.	Fleming, M., Thames.	Kruizenza, W., Reefton.
Baker, W., Thames.	Harris, W., Thames.	Logan, H. F., Wellington.
Cochrane, D. L., Reefton.	Horn, G. W., Thames.	Mangan, T., Thames.
Colebrook, J. D., Coromandel.	Horne, W., Coromandel.	Mouat, W. G., Dunedin.
Crawford, J. J., Thames.	Hornick, M., Thames.	Watkins, W. E., Reefton.
Donaldson, W., Otago.	Hosking, G. F., Auckland.	

Issued on Production of Certificate from a Recognized Authority outside the Dominion under the Mining Acts, 1886, 1891, 1898, 1905, 1908, and 1913.

Argall, W. H., Coromandel.	Datson, J., Manaia.	Hall, E. K., Reefton.
Beckwith, L. H., Wellington.	Dodd, William, Milton.	McKenna, Thomas, Dunedin.
Brook, R. H. T., Reefton.	Griffiths, A. P., Auckland.	Molineaux, H. S., Gore.
*Cock, J., jun., Ross.	Griffiths, H. P., Auckland.	Rich, F. A., Auckland.
Cock, W., Waioio.	Hailey, R. C., Dunedin.	Williams, W. H., Auckland.