

SESSION II.
1918.
NEW ZEALAND.

STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORTS ON THE WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1918.

Prepared in accordance with the Requirements of Section 118 of the Coal-mines Act, 1908.

MINE-MANAGER'S REPORT.

The MANAGER, State Coal-mines, Greymouth, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Mines Department,
Wellington.

SIR,— Point Elizabeth State Coal-mines, Greymouth, 11th April, 1918.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the State collieries for the year ended 31st March, 1918.

POINT ELIZABETH COLLIERY.

Coal-winning.

The gross total output for the year was 118,076 tons 10 cwt., a decrease of nearly 15,000 tons when compared with the figures for the previous year; and after deducting mine consumption and waste, and allowing for the stock in hand at the beginning of the year, there remained for disposal 111,551 tons 8 cwt., which was disposed of as follows:—

Export—						Tons	cwt.
Screened coal	...	...	...	...	...	41,552	14
Unscreened coal	...	...	...	...	...	21,447	18
Bunker coal	...	...	...	...	...	13,616	2
Small coal	...	...	...	...	...	24,896	14
Total	...	...	...	...	...	101,513	8
Local sales—							
Screened coal	...	...	...	...	...	4,807	4
Unscreened coal	...	...	...	...	...	1,262	0
Bunker coal	...	...	...	...	...	12	12
Small coal	...	...	...	...	...	1,397	14
Total	...	...	...	...	...	7,479	10
Mine sales (unscreened)	...	...	...	...	...	119	18
Sold to employees (unscreened)	...	...	...	...	...	2,558	17
Used on works (small)	...	...	...	...	...	5,678	0
Waste	...	...	...	...	...	847	2

The gross total output won from this colliery since its inception amounts to 2,331,532 tons.

The colliery worked on 220 days, and the average daily output was 536 tons 14 cwt. The possible number of working-days for the year (exclusive of union holidays and pay Saturdays, which number 45) was 268, and the difference between the time worked and the possible working-time is accounted for as follow: Conscription strike, 14 days; railway ticket strike, 2 days; sharing of work strike, 2 days; levy strike, 16 days; quarterly cavit, 1½ days; search for highway robber, 2½ days; want of shipping, 8 days; bar unworkable, 2 days: total, 48 days. The loss of