

TABLE 67.—APPORTIONMENT OF INCREASE IN RETAIL CASH PRICE, 1914, TO OCTOBER, 1918.

Kind of Coal.				Mine Increase.	Percentage of Total Increase.	Rail Increase.	Percentage of Total Increase.	Including Retail Charges.	Percentage of Total Increase.	Total Increase.
				s. d.		s. d.		s. d.		s. d.
Kaitangata	..	..	..	15 6	84	1 7	9	1 5	7	18 6
Nightcaps	..	..	..	7 0	67	1 1	10	2 5	23	10 6
Wairio	..	..	..	11 10	77	1 0	6½	2 8	16½	15 6

The retailers increased their cash price by 2s. per ton, made up of 1s. from 4th December, 1916 (wages to drivers), and 1s. from 24th March, 1917 (owing to increased expenses), and, in addition, obtained 5d. from Nightcaps and 8d. from Wairio. (See next table.)

Table 68 shows how the various increases were distributed over the period, and analyses them in detail.

TABLE 68.—TABLE SHOWING INCREASES UNDER DIFFERENT HEADINGS OF COST OF COAL TO RETAIL DEALERS AT INVERCARGILL, AND THE DATES OF EACH INCREASE, 1915-18.

Kind of Coal.	Railage.		Mine Increase.															
	Sept., 1915.	Nov., 1917.	1916.								1917.							
			Feb.	March.	April.	May.	July.	Dec.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Kaitangata	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Nightcaps	0 9	0 10	2 6	..	..	..	2 6	..	..	3 0	..	..	..	2 0	..	1 0	1 6	..
Wairio	0 6	0 7	..	..	..	1 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westport	0 6	0 6	..	1 0	..	..	..	1 10	..	..	1 0	..	2 0	..	..	..	1 0	1 0
Lignites	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 0	..	..	..	2 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newcastle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Kind of Coal.	Mine Increase.					Drivers' Wages increased, December, 1916.	Increased Expenses, March, 1917.	Total Increase in Cost.	Total Increase in Retail Price.
	1918.								
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Sept.				
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Kaitangata .. ..	..	5 0	..	..	1 0	1 0	1 0	19 1	18 6
Nightcaps .. ..	..	..	2 0	..	1 0	1 0	1 0	10 6	10 1
Wairio .. ..	..	2 0	..	..	2 0	1 0	1 0	14 10	15 6
Westport	1 0	..	..	..	..	1 0	1 0	10 0	..
Lignites .. ..	..	..	..	1 0	..	1 0	1 0	7 0	..
Newcastle .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1 0	1 0	..	..

In addition, all credit prices increased 1s., June, 1915 ; 6d. April, 1918 : total, 1s. 6d.

TABLE 69.—INCREASE IN MINE-COSTS, 1913-18, COMPARED WITH INCREASES IN THE MINE-PRICE.

Mine.				Increase in Mine-cost of all Coal.	Increase in Average Selling-price of all Coal.	Increase in Mine-price of House Coal.	Percentage which House Coal is of Total Supply.
A	..	..	..	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
B	..	..	..	7 6	8 2½	15 6	66 to 70 (approximately).
	..	..	..	4 0½	3 1½	7 0	66 to 70 (first and second coal).

(c.) Costs.—The present cost of delivery of coal in Invercargill is estimated at 8s. 6d.

TABLE 70.

	s. d.
Bagging	1 0
Cartage to yard	2 0
Delivery to consumer	4 0
Weighing, sacks, rent, rates, office and other expenses	1 6
Total	8 6

No allowance is made for depreciation. This represents an increase on the cost for 1914, chiefly because of increased wages, horse-feed, and increased expenses in maintaining gear. The Progress Co-operative Society analysed its cost for one week in September and found it to be 7s. 6d. a ton.