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# STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORTS ON WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1919.

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## MINE-MANAGER'S REPORT.

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

SIR,—

Point Elizabeth State Coal-mine, Greymouth, 6th May, 1919.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the working of the State collieries for the year ended 31st March, 1919.

### POINT ELIZABETH COLLIERY.

#### *Coal-winning.*

The gross total output for the year was 86,535 tons 9 cwt., a decrease of 31,546 tons when compared with the figures for the previous year. After deducting mine consumption and waste, and allowing for the stock in hand at the beginning of the year, there remained 86,253 tons, which was disposed of as follows :—

Export—	Tons. cwt.
Screened coal .. .. .	15,598 13
Unscreened coal .. .. .	41,726 17
Bunker coal .. .. .	138 0
Small coal .. .. .	8,592 0
Total .. .. .	66,055 10
Local sales—	
Screened coal .. .. .	6,466 11
Unscreened coal .. .. .	3,405 3
Small coal .. .. .	1,690 14
Total .. .. .	11,562 8
Mine sales (unscreened) .. .. .	137 10
Sold to employees (unscreened) .. .. .	3,242 17
Used on works (small) .. .. .	3,405 0
Waste .. .. .	1,078 4
Stock in bin .. .. .	771 8

The gross total output won from this colliery since its inception amounts to 2,418,067 tons 9 cwt.

The colliery worked on 236½ days, and the average daily output was 365 tons 12 cwt., a reduction of 170 tons per working-day when compared with the figures of the previous year. The difference between the time worked and the possible working-time is accounted for as follows: (a) Pay Saturdays, 27; (b) union holidays, 15; (c) bad bar, 9; (d) want of shipping, 3½; (e) influenza epidemic, 6; (f) Peace days, 2; (g) quarterly cavit, 1; (h) levy strike, 6; (i) stop work through no medical officer, 5; (j) stop-work meetings, 2: total time lost, 76½ days.

The average number of men and boys employed in and about the mine throughout the year in connection with coal-winning was 145, made up as follows: Underground—Coal-hewers, 51; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 46; boys, 2. On the surface—33 men and 13 boys.

In addition to those employed under the head of "Coal-winning" there were eight men employed boring and prospecting on the State Coal Reserve between the Seven- and Nine-mile Creeks.

The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) was 24s. 11·38d., and the net average return to each man was 24s. 3·18d., a net increase of 1s. 1·16d. per day over the previous year.

The total payments made on wages account, including stores, mine-timber, and compensation, amounted to £35,786 3s. 10d.

#### *Underground Development.*

The whole of the output for the year was obtained from pillar-extraction from both sections (Nos. 1 and 2) of this colliery, and apart from the ordinary routine of operations in opening out old disused bords and headings in order to extract the pillars effectively there has been no new underground development work.

The No. 1 section was abandoned on the 18th February, 1919, the further exploitation of the remaining small pillars being attended with too much danger and expense to warrant any more work being done in the section.

In future the output of the colliery will be obtained from the No. 2 section alone, where only a limited number of pillars of thin coal remain to be worked, and as these pillars are confined to a long narrow series it renders it impossible to employ more than a small number of miners.

Within the course of a month from date the dip workings, which have supplied coal of a superior quality for many years past, and at the present time find employment for three pairs of miners on the day and afternoon shifts, will be exhausted.

In order to maintain a reasonable output the management will endeavour to find places for some of the men out of the dip section by working more places double-shift; but it must be pointed out that, as the remaining pillars to be won are in a portion of the mine where the seam is thin and in several places very dirty, the output will naturally be reduced, and the cost of production correspondingly increased.

#### *Exploratory Work.*

During the year much work has been done by means of boring and other prospecting operations on the State Coal Reserve in close proximity to the Point Elizabeth Colliery, and to the northwards of the same on the low coastal range between the Seven- and Nine-mile Creeks.

As a result of these operations a coal-seam of a semibituminous nature, and averaging 8 ft. in thickness, has been proved to exist over an area of 350 acres, and further boring which is at present being carried out will in all probability increase the workable area. The seam occurs at altitudes varying between 200 ft. and 350 ft., and the quantity of coal in the area proved may be safely estimated at 4½ million tons, of which 75 per cent., or 3½ million tons, may be won. In several parts of the reserve the seam has been driven on, and it is pleasing to report that the coal was found to be of a very hard nature.

From the following analysis, which is an average of twelve samples, this coal should prove useful for household purposes:—

Fixed carbon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Per Cent.
Hydrocarbons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40·45
Water	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51·12
Ash	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6·00
								2·43
								100·00
Sulphur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3·4
Calories, per gram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,254
British thermal units, per pound	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,057
Evaporative power, in pounds of water at 212° F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13·53

It must be pointed out that, although the average percentage of fixed carbon in this coal is not so high as in the coals of other mines in this district, the combined principal constituents, carbon and hydrocarbons, are equal to those of Blackball, Point Elizabeth, Puponga, and Reefton coals, all of which are largely used for steam and household purposes, and the inert constituents are no greater.

In connection with this field there are also special features, some of which may be enumerated as follows:—

- (1.) Easy access by means of a short branch railway near Runanga Station, which presents no engineering difficulties and should be cheaply constructed.
- (2.) The cost of establishing a colliery would be comparatively low owing to the fact that very little new plant and machinery would be required, as the plant from Point Elizabeth Colliery will be available within twelve months owing to the exhaustion of that mine.
- (3.) If exploited it would supply the State coal depots with a hard marketable coal, which is highly necessary for their future maintenance, as the present source of supply (Point Elizabeth) is being rapidly exhausted.
- (4.) The present township of Runanga is only two miles and a quarter distant by level road, and no housing difficulties would arise.

- (5.) The working-cost of a colliery on this area should be comparatively low owing to the drainage and haulage expenses being inconsiderable. There is also a plentiful supply of mining-timber on the property, and the coal being situated on the State Coal Reserve no royalty or rental will require to be paid.

Plan of the area on which prospecting has been carried out will be found attached, showing positions of boreholes, outcrops, &c.

#### LIVERPOOL COLLIERY.

##### Coal-winning.

The gross total output for the year was 128,384 tons 2 cwt., an increase of 187½ tons when compared with the figures of last year. After deducting mine consumption and waste, and allowing for stock in hand at the beginning of the year, there remained for disposal 129,475 tons, which was disposed of as follows:—

Export—	Tons. cwt.
Screened coal .. .. .	2,594 7
Unscreened coal .. .. .	108,044 19
Bunker coal .. .. .	156 3
Small coal .. .. .	1,004 14
Total .. .. .	111,800 3
Local sales—	
Unscreened coal .. .. .	9,464 0
Small coal .. .. .	2,149 14
Total .. .. .	11,613 14
Mine sales—	
Sold to workmen (unscreened) .. .. .	225 15
Used on works (unscreened) .. .. .	3,155 0
Stock in bin (unscreened) .. .. .	537 1
Total .. .. .	3,917 16
Stock on wharf—	
Screened coal .. .. .	466 6
Unscreened coal .. .. .	236 8
Small coal .. .. .	151 12
Total .. .. .	854 6
Waste .. .. .	1,289 11

The gross total output from this colliery since its inception amounts to 614,022 tons 7 cwt.

The colliery worked on 208½ days, and the average daily output was 615 tons 15 cwt., a reduction of over 33 tons per day as compared with the figures for the previous year.

The difference between the time worked and the possible working-time is accounted for as follows: (a) Pay Saturdays, 27 days; (b) union holidays, 18; (c) levy strike, 5; (d) ropeboys' strike, 1; (e) stop-work meetings, 2; (f) influenza epidemic, 6; (g) stop work through no medical officer, 5; (h) want of shipping, 21; (i) bar unworkable, 12; (j) cavilling, 2½; (k) river in flood, 2; (l) no work on wharf owing to heavy rain, 2: total time lost, 103½ days.

There were employed in and about the mine in connection with coal-winning 242 men and 23 boys, made up of 107 coal-hewers; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 91; on the surface, 44 men and 23 boys. In addition to those employed in connection with coal-winning there were on an average 21 men and 1 boy employed on property and development work, making a total of 263 men and 24 boys.

The total payments made on wages account in connection with coal-winning, including stores, mine-timber, and compensation, amounted to £56,229 8s. 11d.

The coal-hewers' average daily earning (gross) was 23s. 3·86d., and the net return to each man was 21s. 2·38d., an increase of 1s. 4·84d. per day over last year.

##### Underground Development.

The underground workings of this colliery are divided into three sections, Nos. 1, 3, and 3A, and the principal operations for the year have been confined to sections 1 and 3.

No. 1 section: Development work in the upper seam has again been confined to the headings in a northerly course, also to a small area in what is termed the Crosscut section. In each case the areas operated on are so small, and the seam pinching out as the headings advance, that it is only a matter of a few months when all development work in this section will be completed.

The Morgan seam, which is connected with the upper seam by means of a cross-measure drift, has been worked continuously throughout the year, and operations were confined to the extending of the levels in an easterly and westerly course. The east level has been driven 14½ chains, and the west level 10 chains from the cross-measure drift. The seam is well developed, and, although only

six pairs of miners were employed therein during the year, there are sufficient places for eighteen pairs of miners.

At the present time the Morgan seam is stopped, and all the miners are now employed in the upper seam. This was done in order to centralize operations for the profitable handling of the reduced output owing to shortage of miners; also to exhaust the upper seam as early as possible, so that when the new haulage tunnel which is now in course of construction connects with the present workings of the Morgan seam the upper portion of the present endless-rope haulage-road may be dispensed with.

No. 3 section: Operations in this section have been carried out much on similar lines to those of the previous year. The winning headings continue to be driven in a northerly course, but as the headings advance it is found that the seam is gradually reducing in height; the same applies to the levels driven in an easterly course from these headings. The winning headings are within 8 chains of Garvey Creek, and as this creek forms the boundary for this section it will be readily seen that the time is not far distant when development work will be completed.

In the No. 3A section there has been practically no development work done, the output having been maintained from pillar-extraction. Arrangements are, however, being made to work a small area of coal between two faults on the eastern side of the dip haulage-road.

#### *Accidents.*

There have been a few minor accidents during the year, but it is pleasing to report that these have not been of a serious nature.

#### *Development Work.*

Work under this head is confined to the construction of a low-level haulage-road into the Morgan seam. This new haulage-road commences from near the upper terminus of the first endless-rope haulage, better known as the "middle brake," and consists of an outside tramway 21 chains in length, and also a tunnel 56 chains long. The object of this new haulage-road is to connect with the Morgan seam, and also the upper seam at its lowest points. The upper seam, which is 21 ft. thick, should be struck at 46 chains from the tunnel-entrance, and the Morgan seam, which is 25 ft. thick, at the full distance of the tunnel.

The area which this new haulage-road will command is approximately 260 acres, and contains about five and a half million tons of coal. To win this coal under the present haulage system would necessitate the installation of a powerful haulage and pumping plant, and, assuming an average daily output of 500 tons, it would take over thirty years to work the coal out of this area. This would mean a heavy annual expense for pumping, and also a costly and lengthy system of haulage; whereas under this new scheme all the coal will be won free of pumping, and instead of hauling the coal up an inclined plane by means of powerful haulage engines it will be lowered by means of self-acting inclines to the tunnel terminus, from which point the coal will be conveyed by means of an endless-rope haulage to the middle brake.

Once a connection is made with the present workings in the Morgan seam the question of dispensing with the upper section of the present haulage-road will be considered. This, of course, will depend upon whether the rise workings in the upper seam will be exhausted to such an extent to enable this to be done.

In addition to the advantages derived as herein enumerated by the construction of this new haulage-road it will to a large extent overcome another serious difficulty, and that is the housing problem. It is well known that, owing to the hilly nature of the country in the vicinity of the colliery, it is no easy matter to find suitable sites for building cottages, and it is also a difficult matter to construct suitable roads. This new haulage-road will overcome the difficulty to a large extent, in that it will enable employees to reside at Runanga and Dunollie and travel to and from their work daily.

To complete the work will probably take two years and a half from date. The route of the new haulage-road is shown on the litho accompanying this report.

#### *Surface Works.*

The plant and machinery in and about this colliery has been maintained in good condition and efficient repair.

The electric plant, which is centrally situated and provides power for all ventilating-fans at this colliery, also for the driving of an endless-rope haulage, has been continuously worked during the year without interruption.

The generating-machine is driven by a high-speed Bellis-Morcomb engine, which derives its power from two Babcock boilers; the latter also supply steam for two hauling-engines in the No. 3A mine, and for a self-contained air-compressing plant, which is situated in the boiler-house and supplies compressed air for driving the rock-drilling machines in the new tunnel. As these boilers and the electrical plant are worked continuously throughout the twenty-four hours, with only a stoppage of sixteen hours on Sundays, it will readily be seen that the annual consumption of fuel at this power-house, together with the attendants' wages, is a costly item.

In the near future it will be necessary to duplicate this plant, as a stoppage to this plant means a stoppage for the whole colliery. To duplicate it by means of additional boilers and other machinery required would be a costly undertaking; therefore, before doing anything in this respect, it is the management's intention to ascertain the water-power available from either the Seven-mile or Davy

Creeks. If sufficient power is available a generating plant driven by water-power would be installed as near the railway-station as possible. This plant could be run continuously so long as water-power was available, and the steam-driven plant run only in cases of emergency.

#### *Reconstruction of Storage-bins.*

The storage-bins which were completely destroyed by a landslip in January, 1918, are now rebuilt. In the original building there were two conveyors used for distributing coal in different parts of the bin, and the screens were also erected on the eastern end, which necessitated the working of one of these conveyors whether screened or unscreened coal was required. In reconstructing the bins this matter was carefully considered, and instead of erecting two conveyors only one is now installed, in the centre, this being deemed adequate for loading the bin. The screening plant is also erected at the western end; this obviates the use of the conveyors when making screened coal. The erecting of one conveyor in the centre also enabled the height of the building over the unscreened bin to be reduced by 12 ft., and, although the new building is not so massive in appearance as the original one through this cause, there is no doubt it is much stronger, as it is not so top-heavy.

To prevent a landslip occurring in the same place again a protection wall has been built, and to give additional strength to the new structure several large bolts from beams in the interior of the bin are fastened to a reinforced-concrete wall on the hill.

#### *Explosives.*

During the year a great deal of trouble has been encountered with the permitted explosive "viking," and the chief cause of the trouble appears to be due to moisture affecting the explosive, through faulty packing at the works where the same was manufactured. It has been the practice when a new shipment of this explosive arrives to open several of the cases, and it was invariably discovered that the ends of almost every plug showed signs of dampness, the dampness penetrating deeper in some plugs than others. In one 50 lb. case in particular no less than 35 lb. had to be discarded as useless, and it is a common occurrence for the magazine attendant to discard some days from 10 lb. to 15 lb. of this explosive.

Then, again, before it is used in the mine the shot-firers examine each plug before inserting it in the shot-hole, and any ends showing signs of dampness are cut off, otherwise the result would be a defective shot. Although every care has been taken in the use of this explosive the number of defective shots during the year was beyond all reason. For the ends of the plugs cut off by the shot-firers the miners were allowed explosives equivalent for the loss, on a written statement from the shot-firer. An allowance is also made to the miners for the defective shots, when the detonator has exploded and the explosive failed.

During the year a new permitted explosive, "ligdynite," was procured; but owing to an unexploded plug in a shot-hole burning with a moderate flame this explosive has been prohibited from all safety-lamp sections of these collieries, but it is being used in the naked-light mines.

Some time ago arrangements were made to try and procure the permitted explosive A1 monobel through the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, but a reply was received from Nobel's Explosives Company (Limited) that it was impossible at that time to obtain the necessary quantity of potassium chloride for the manufacture of this explosive. However, as the war is now over there should be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary raw material, and therefore, in order to obtain better results in the future and also for the satisfaction of the men and the management, arrangements should be made to procure the explosive A1 monobel.

#### *General.*

Reviewing the work for the year it will be seen that the number of working-days at the Liverpool Colliery are considerably less than those worked at the Point Elizabeth Colliery. This is due to the fact that during the greater part of the year there was only a temporary arrangement to deal with the output, and unless wagons were available daily the mine could not be worked. With the Point Elizabeth Colliery the position was entirely different, for if wagons were not available through shipping being held up there was usually space in the storage-bin to enable the mine to work for sometimes two and three days in succession.

It will be noticed that the output from the Point Elizabeth Colliery is considerably reduced. This is due to the near exhaustion of that colliery, and in the course of a few months it is questionable whether this colliery can be profitably worked.

It is advisable to point out that since the signing of the Armistice no less than eighty-seven men have left the Liverpool Colliery, consequently the output is now reduced to about 500 tons per day.

In conclusion I wish to say that all the officers have performed the duties delegated to them in a most satisfactory manner, and the Consulting Engineer has rendered valuable assistance in the various developments connected with the mine.

I have, &c.,

I. A. JAMES, Manager.

The Under-Secretary, Mines Department, Wellington.

## SALES MANAGER'S REPORT.

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

SIR,— New Zealand State Coal-mines, Head Office, Wellington, 31st July, 1919.

I have the honour to present the annual report and balance-sheet of the New Zealand State Coal-mines for the year ending 31st March, 1919.

## FINANCIAL.

The net profit for the year, after making full provision for interest, depreciation, war bonuses, bad and doubtful debts, and all annual charges, amounted to £30,607 1s. 4d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Point Elizabeth Colliery .. .. .	14,663	7	6
Liverpool Colliery .. .. .	20,140	0	7
Seddonville Colliery (recovery) .. .. .	646	16	5
Sale of hulk .. .. .	1,701	3	0
	37,151	7	6
Less losses—	£	s.	d.
Depots .. .. .	6,451	1	1
Highway robbery .. .. .	89	0	1
Briquette Account .. .. .	4	5	0
	6,544	6	2
	£30,607	1	4

The net profit earned represents a return of 8.16 per cent. on the gross capital expenditure to date, and is equal to 10.47 per cent. on the total turnover for the year, which amounted to £292,238 9s. 9d. In comparison with the figures for last year there has been an increase of 1.36 per cent. in the profit earned, and 2.55 per cent. computed on the turnover.

Reviewing the financial results for the year it will be noted that the Point Elizabeth Colliery has made a profit of £14,663 7s. 6d., as against £23,572 0s. 3d. for last year, a decrease of £8,908 12s. 9d., due largely to the decreased output consequent upon the gradual exhaustion of the mine.

The Liverpool Colliery shows a net profit of £20,140 0s. 7d., as against £4,825 10s. 9d. for the previous year, an increase of £15,314 9s. 10d. on the year's working; but in this connection it must not be overlooked that in the accounts of this colliery for the year ended 31st March, 1918, £7,064 was written off as representing the book value of the bins and screening plant destroyed by a landslip in January of that year. It will thus be seen that the relative increase in the net earnings for the year under review would have amounted to £8,250 9s. 10d. when the £7,064 written off, as already mentioned, is taken into consideration.

As full information relative to the production and prospects of the State mines is set out in detail in the report of the Manager of the State Collieries it is sufficient for me to confine my remarks to the financial result obtained.

With regard to the depots, it will be seen that the operations for the year have resulted in an aggregate loss of £6,451 1s. 1d. In my two previous annual reports I directed special attention to this phase, and recommended that in view of increased shipping freights, general working-expenses, salaries, &c., the retail price of household coal should be increased in order to enable the depots to show a reasonable margin of profit over working-expenses, but so far nothing has been done in this connection, as it was considered inadvisable to increase the price of coal to householders during the period of the war.

In the case of the collieries, however, the increased cost of production and other increases have been met by a revision of the selling-prices f.o.b. Greymouth, so that they have been enabled to continue to show a reasonable return on the capital invested, while on the other hand the retail portion of the business has during the past three years been bearing large increases in transport, operating and overhead expenses, without passing any proportion of same on to household deliveries. It will be seen, therefore, that if the depots are to be worked at a profit the retail price of coal for domestic use must be substantially increased, and in this connection it may be mentioned that the retail prices of similar coal range from 15s. to 18s. per ton in excess of State coal prices.

The decreased output of the Point Elizabeth Colliery has resulted in reducing the allocation to the depots from 47,000 tons in 1917-18 to 27,000 tons for the past year, which illustrates the difficulties which have been experienced in endeavouring to cope with the increased demand occasioned largely by the low price of State coal in comparison with competing coals of the same class.

It will thus be seen that the retail portion of the State Coal Department has been bearing an undue proportion of the increased c.i.f. price charged by the collieries, and owing to no corresponding increase having been made in the retail selling-price through the depots, as recommended by me in the reports for the two previous years, it has not been possible to avoid showing increased losses in the working of the depots, which, moreover, will continue until steps are taken in the direction already indicated.

Owing to decreased and irregular supplies frequent stoppages have taken place in the taking of orders at the depots, as the demand for coal has always largely exceeded available supplies.

## OUTPUT.

The gross output of the mines for the year was 214,919 tons, as compared with 246,273 tons for last year, a decrease of 31,354 tons. A comparative statement for the two years is shown below :—

Mine.	Output in Tons, 1918-19.		Output in Tons, 1917-18.	
	Gross.	Net.	Gross.	Net.
Point Elizabeth ..	86,535	82,052	118,077	111,552
Liverpool ..	128,384	125,229	128,196	124,782
Totals ..	214,919	207,281	246,273	236,334

NOTE.—The difference between the gross and net output is the allowance made for mine consumption and waste.

Point Elizabeth Colliery produced 82,052 tons of marketable coal, a decrease of 29,500 tons on the production of last year. After allowing for stocks on hand and afloat at the beginning and end of the year the disposal was as under :—

Supplied to	Screened.	Unscreened.	Steam.	Small.	Totals.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Depots ... ..	906	24,563	...	1,559	27,028
Railways ... ..	13,691	2,009	...	...	15,700
Other Government Departments ...	115	619	...	...	734
Other consumers ... ..	6,319	5,094	...	1,805	13,218
Shipping companies ... ..	56	16,798	...	6,752	23,606
Totals ... ..	21,087	49,083	...	10,116	80,286

Liverpool Colliery produced 125,229 tons of marketable coal, an increase of 447 tons on the previous year's production. The disposal, allowing for stock in hand at beginning of year, was as follows :—

Supplied to	Screened.	Unscreened.	Small.	Totals.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Depots ... ..	572	17,756	192	18,520
Railways ... ..	1,458	6,478	...	7,936
Other Government Departments ...	136	425	...	561
Shipping companies ... ..	...	19,359	452	19,811
Gas companies ... ..	...	63,928	1,200	65,128
Other consumers ... ..	...	10,513	...	10,513
Totals ... ..	2,166	118,459	1,844	122,469

The total sales for the year amounted to 202,755 tons, value £256,226, as compared with 239,840 tons, value £267,927, for last year, a decrease in quantity of 37,085 tons, and in value of £11,701.

For the purpose of easy comparison the figures are restated below in tabulated form :

## Comparative Statement of Sales.

Mine.	Total Sales 1918-19.				Total Sales 1917-18.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Tons	cwt. qr.	£	s. d.	Tons	cwt. qr.	£	s. d.
Point Elizabeth ..	80,286	1 1	88,493	9 2	113,205	6 2	123,815	5 11
Liverpool ..	122,469	9 2	167,732	11 10	126,635	4 0	144,111	15 3
Totals ..	202,755	10 3	256,226	1 0	239,840	10 2	267,927	1 2

The average price per ton realized on the total sales for the year was £1 5s. 3.29d., an increase of 2s. 11.19d. on last year's average.

The sales of coal through the medium of the depots totalled 46,721 tons, value £85,200, as against 74,380 tons, value £118,554, for last year.

It will be noticed that there has been an increase of approximately 12,000 tons in the quantity of Liverpool coal supplied direct by the mines to the various gasworks throughout the Dominion, but notwithstanding the increased tonnage supplied the greatest difficulty has been experienced in securing sufficient coal to fulfil all orders placed, but the best possible has been done with the limited supplies available.

In connection with the transport of coal the arrangements made by our contractors for shipping were generally satisfactory, having regard to the exceptional conditions prevailing. A considerable amount of time, however, has been lost at the mines owing to bad weather and other stoppages, which are set out in detail in the report of the Manager of the collieries.

I would like to take this opportunity of pointing out that since the early part of 1918, under arrangements approved by the Hon. the Minister of Mines, my services have been practically solely placed at the disposal of the Hon. Minister in Charge of Coal-distribution, and since the termination of the Munitions and Supplies Department I have been entirely occupied as Officer in Charge of the Coal Control Department, which has consequently left me no time to devote to matters of detail arising out of my position as Sales Manager.

The following items taken from the balance-sheet will prove of interest as indicating the more important items of expenditure, and for reference in respect to the position of Capital Account, reserve funds, and other accounts shown therein :—

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The total amount paid as war bonus was .. .. .	16,292
The amount written off for depreciation for the year was .. .. .	11,468
The payments for interest totalled .. .. .	8,739
The payments for sea carriage of coal amounted to .. .. .	73,079
The cost of railway haulage amounted to .. .. .	23,786
The total wages paid for coal-winning was .. .. .	80,738
The amount paid for management and office salaries (Head Office and mines) totalled .. .. .	3,149
The gross capital expenditure on the whole undertaking to 31st March last was .. .. .	374,775
The total depreciation written off to date (equal to 58.66 per cent. on the gross capital expenditure) amounts to .. .. .	219,868
The debenture and loan capital stands at .. .. .	227,601
The sinking fund is in credit .. .. .	13,200
The reserve fund stands at .. .. .	5,884
The amount at credit of Profit and Loss is (last year £8,043) .. .. .	38,650
The cash in hand and in the Public Account at 31st March last was (last year £102,823) .. .. .	119,843
The present net book value of permanent or fixed assets is .. .. .	148,718

In conclusion I have to acknowledge the services of the Acting Sales Manager, Accountant, Depot Managers, and staff for services rendered under difficult and trying conditions in connection with the conduct of the business.

The Under-Secretary, Mines Department, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. J. GUNN, Sales Manager.



BALANCE-SHEET OF THE NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—continued.  
Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 31st March, 1919—continued

Liabilities—continued	£	s.	d.	Assets—continued.			£	s.	d.
				Wellington Depot Property Account—					
				Cost at 31st March, 1918 .. .. .	..	..	2,678	6	4
				Additions during the year .. .. .	..	..	192	7	6
				Depreciation .. .. .	..	..	2,870	13	10
				Stocks on hand .. .. .	..	..	308	12	4
							2,567	1	6
							709	10	0
									3,276 11 6
				Christchurch Depot Property Account—					
				Cost at 31st March, 1918 .. .. .	..	..	3,942	0	10
				Additions during the year .. .. .	..	..	159	14	11
				Depreciation .. .. .	..	..	4,101	15	9
				Stocks on hand .. .. .	..	..	390	14	9
							3,711	1	0
							516	16	3
									4,227 17 3
				Wanganui Depot Property Account—					
				Cost at 31st March, 1918 .. .. .	..	..	1,865	13	0
				Additions during the year .. .. .	..	..	35	0	6
				Depreciation .. .. .	..	..	1,900	13	6
				Stocks on hand .. .. .	..	..	149	3	7
							1,751	9	11
							572	2	8
									2,323 12 7
				Dunedin Depot Property Account—					
				Cost at 31st March, 1918 .. .. .	..	..	543	0	0
				Additions during year .. .. .	..	..	15	6	0
				Depreciation .. .. .	..	..	558	6	0
				Sundry debtors .. .. .	..	..	86	3	10
				Suspense Account .. .. .	..	..			472 2 2
							21,616	1	3
							147	14	4
				Cash in hand and in Public Account on 31st March, 1919 .. .. .	..	..	120,355	15	11
				Less vouchers outstanding .. .. .	..	..	512	10	5
									119,843 5 6
									£306,109 4 11

State Coal-mines Office, Wellington, 24th June, 1919.

LOUIS H. EILERS, F.R.A., N.Z., Accountant.

Examined and found correct.—ROBERT J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

W. D. S. MACDONALD,  
Minister of Mines.

Statement of General Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.

Dr.		Cr.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Point Elizabeth Colliery Trade Expenses Account	39,801 4 2	By Point Elizabeth Colliery Working Account—Gross profit	54,202 5 8
Liverpool Colliery	93,230 13 7	Liverpool Colliery	112,826 1 5
Wellington Depot	13,298 9 2	Wellington Depot Trading Account—Gross profit	8,928 18 10
Christchurch Depot	7,429 9 5	Christchurch Depot	6,817 2 0
Wanganui Depot	3,390 18 3	Wanganui Depot	2,528 0 10
Dunedin Depot	659 17 11	Dunedin Depot	39 14 0
Briquette Account	4 5 0	Dunedin Depot recovery	13 18 0
Highway robbery (cash lost)	89 0 1	Seddonville Colliery recovery	644 9 7
Balance: Profit for year	30,607 1 4	Point Elizabeth Colliery rents, &c.	263 6 0
		Liverpool Colliery rents, &c.	544 12 9
		Charming Creek recovery	2 6 10
		Hulk sale recovery	1,701 3 0
	<u>£188,510 18 11</u>		<u>3,154 18 2</u>
		Balance at 31st March, 1918	8,042 10 7
		Profit for year	30,607 1 4
			<u>£38,649 11 11</u>
			<u>£38,649 11 11</u>

Statement of Point Elizabeth Colliery Working Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.

Dr.		Cr.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Stock of coal on hand at 31st March, 1918	36 0 0	By Sales of coal	88,493 9 2
Coal-winning—		Sales of timber	162 9 4
Wages	31,466 18 0	Sales of stores	4,267 9 9
Materials used	2,643 18 7	Stock of coal on hand at 31st March, 1919—	
Stores used..	1,403 0 1	At mine and wharf..	690 6 0
Timber out	121 3 6	Afloat ..	224 11 11
Stores sold	3,202 17 4		
Special rate	603 7 6		
Royalty	158 15 6		
Balance: Gross profit at mine	762 3 0		
	<u>54,202 5 8</u>		<u>914 17 11</u>
	<u>£93,838 6 2</u>		<u>£93,838 6 2</u>

## Statement of Point Elizabeth Colliery Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Management and office salaries ..	1,304	0	5	By Balance of Working Account—	54,202	5	8
Interest and exchange ..	2,842	6	6	Gross profits at mine ..	262	6	0
Travelling expenses ..	77	1	3	Rents ..			
Printing and stationery ..	95	1	6				
Repairs and maintenance ..	499	10	1				
Telegrams and postages ..	59	12	3				
Railway haulage ..	8,679	7	4				
Insurances ..	161	2	5				
Compensation for accidents and fund ..	1,978	6	6				
Compassionate allowance ..	490	0	0				
Cargo adjustments ..	8	7	9				
General expenses ..	63	14	11				
Marine freights ..	22,731	4	9				
Hulka Working Account (proportion) ..	211	0	9				
Terminal charges ..	157	6	2				
Audit fees ..	17	4	0				
Depreciation: Mine, buildings, plant, and machinery ..	430	17	7				
Balance: Profit ..	39,801	4	2				
	14,663	7	6				
	<u>£54,464</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>				

£54,464 11 8

## Statement of Point Elizabeth (Liverpool) Colliery Working Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Stocks on hand at 31 March, 1918 ..	610	8	9	By Sales of coal ..	167,732	11	10
Coal-winning—				Sales of stores ..	80	6	9
Wages ..	49,271	9	1				
Materials used ..	3,513	10	5	Stock of coal on hand at 31st March, 1919—	1,075	5	6
Stores used ..	2,935	12	3	At mine and wharf ..	1,651	10	4
				Afloat ..			
Stores sold ..	80	6	9				
Special rate ..	1,302	5	9				
Balance: Gross profit ..	112,826	1	5				
	<u>£170,539</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>				

£170,539 14 5

*Statement of Point Elizabeth (Liverpool) Colliery Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Management and office salaries .. .. .	1,945	6	11	By Gross profits at mine .. .. .	112,826	1	5
Interest and exchange .. .. .	5,360	19	7	Rents, &c. .. .. .	544	12	9
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	117	0	1				
Printing and stationery .. .. .	185	14	3				
Repairs and maintenance .. .. .	2,302	9	1				
Telegrams and postages .. .. .	86	8	10				
Railway haulage .. .. .	15,106	9	4				
Insurances .. .. .	290	13	9				
Compensation for accidents and fund .. .. .	875	6	0				
Compassionate allowance .. .. .	490	0	0				
Cargo adjustments .. .. .	8	10	5				
General expenses .. .. .	110	13	3				
Marine freights .. .. .	50,348	12	2				
Hulks Working Account (proportion) .. .. .	248	6	8				
Terminal charges .. .. .	5,281	10	1				
Audit fees .. .. .	24	16	0				
Loan-flotation charges .. .. .	500	0	0				
Depreciation: Mine, buildings, plant, and machinery .. .. .	10,047	17	2				
Balance: Net profit .. .. .	98,230	13	7				
	20,140	0	7				
	<u>£113,370 14 2</u>				<u>£113,370 14 2</u>		

*Wellington Depot Trading Account for the Year ended 31st March 1919.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Stocks on hand at 31st March, 1918 .. .. .	440	16	11	By Sales of coal .. .. .	44,387	17	7
Purchases of coal .. .. .	34,628	19	8	Sales of firewood, coke, &c. .. .. .	2,665	2	0
Purchases of firewood, coke, &c. .. .. .	1,977	11	0				
Cartage to depot .. .. .	974	5	0	Stocks on hand at 31st March 1919—			
Wharfage .. .. .	811	18	2	Coal .. .. .	206	10	11
Balance: Gross profit .. .. .	1,796	3	2	Firewood, &c. .. .. .	502	19	1
	8,928	18	10				
	<u>£47,762 9 7</u>				<u>47,052 19 7</u>		
	<u>£47,762 9 7</u>				<u>£47,762 9 7</u>		



*Christchurch Depot Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>
To Wages .. .. .	2,502	9	8	By Balance of Trading Account .. .. .	6,817	2	0
Salaries .. .. .	953	18	3	Balance: Loss .. .. .	612	7	5
Rents .. .. .	96	10	6				
Interest and exchange .. .. .	230	15	11				
Repairs and maintenance .. .. .	142	3	9				
Telegrams and postages .. .. .	15	0	0				
Printing and stationery .. .. .	79	12	8				
Insurances .. .. .	16	6	6				
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	126	12	5				
Cartage .. .. .	2,493	6	11				
Sacks .. .. .	187	13	2				
Freights .. .. .	127	7	11				
General expenses .. .. .	50	3	8				
Audit fees .. .. .	26	13	4				
Depreciation .. .. .	390	14	9				
				7,429	9	5	
				<u>£7,429</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	

*Wanganni Depot Trading Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>
To Stocks on hand at 31st March, 1918 .. .. .	325	12	8	By Sales of coal .. .. .	12,196	18	9
Purchases of coal .. .. .	9,356	1	5	Sales of firewood, coke, &c. .. .. .	1,111	17	5
Purchases of firewood, coke, &c. .. .. .	1,162	12	3				
				Stocks on hand at 31st March, 1919—			
Haulage to depot .. .. .				Firewood, coke, &c. .. .. .	572	2	8
Gross profit .. .. .							
				10,518	13	8	
				508	11	8	
				<u>2,528</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	
				<u>£13,880</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	

*Wanganui Depot Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Wages ..	..	..	625 2 10	By Balance of Trading Account ..	..	..	2,528 0 10
Salaries ..	..	..	593 17 9	Balance: Loss ..	..	..	862 17 5
Rents ..	..	..	189 0 0				
Interest and exchange ..	..	..	84 8 2				
Repairs and maintenance ..	..	..	74 7 10				
Telegrams and postages ..	..	..	8 5 7				
Printing and stationery ..	..	..	24 4 2				
Travelling-expenses ..	..	..	69 9 8				
Insurance ..	..	..	6 10 8				
Cartage ..	..	..	1,234 1 7				
Sacks ..	..	..	19 10 1				
Freights, &c. ..	..	..	72 4 1				
General expenses ..	..	..	21 12 3				
Audit fees ..	..	..	19 0 0				
Compensation ..	..	..	200 0 0				
Depreciation ..	..	..	149 3 7				
			3,390 18 3				
			£3,390 18 3				

*Dunedin Depot Trading Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Stocks on hand at 31st March, 1918 ..	..	..	15 6 10	By Sales of coal ..	..	..	70 18 3
Purchases of coal ..	..	..	55 4 11	Sales of firewood, coke, &c. ..	..	..	47 6 3
Wharfares, &c. ..	..	..	5 16 9				
Cartage to depot ..	..	..	2 2 0				
Balance: Gross profit ..	..	..	7 18 9				
			39 14 0				
			£118 4 6				

*Dunedin Depot Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Wages ..	..	..	244 17 0	By Balance of Trading Account ..	..	..	39 14 0
Salaries ..	..	..	66 15 2	Recovery ..	..	..	13 18 0
Rents ..	..	..	147 18 8	Balance: Loss ..	..	..	606 5 11
Rates ..	..	..	31 12 3				
Interest ..	..	..	58 4 9				
Printing and stationery ..	..	..	1 17 6				
Insurances ..	..	..	2 6 10				
Travelling-expenses ..	..	..	1 17 1				
Cartage ..	..	..	10 0 0				
Freights, &c. ..	..	..	4 3 10				
General expenses ..	..	..	3 7 8				
Audit fees ..	..	..	5 13 4				
Depreciation ..	..	..	86 3 10				
			659 17 11				
			£659 17 11				

*Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the New Zealand State Coal-mines for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.*

*Receipts.*

To Cash in hand and in Public Account at 31st March, 1918	£	s.	d.
Proceeds of sale of coal	275,836	19	9
Recoveries	10,131	1	6
Refunds, &c.	187	12	5
	<u>286,155</u>	13	8

*Expenditure.*

By Point Elizabeth Colliery—	£	s.	d.
Property and development	1,373	15	3
Stores and materials	15,336	6	5
Wages	31,065	9	1
Timber	224	16	7
Special rate	401	11	6
Royalty	646	11	3
	<u>49,048</u>	10	1
Liverpool Colliery—			
Property and development	1,977	9	6
Machinery, plant, and rolling-stock	6,869	10	7
Buildings	109	13	7
Cottages	267	17	3
Stores and materials	3,911	9	1
Wages	48,265	15	4
Timber	8	3	9
Special rate	486	2	0
	<u>61,896</u>	1	1
Seddonville	18	12	2
Waikowai	2,045	8	8
Briquette	4	5	0
	<u>2,068</u>	5	10
Hulks, working	383	5	8
Wellington Depot, working	17,155	8	0
Christchurch Depot, working	13,557	13	0
Wanganui Depot, working	5,823	19	3
Dunedin Depot, working	617	3	8
	<u>37,537</u>	9	7
Management and office salaries	3,204	15	1
Rents	143	0	0
Interest and exchange	8,739	9	2
Marine freights	70,767	15	1
Travelling-expenses	198	4	4
Printing and stationery	228	11	2
Telegrams and postages	161	6	1
Repairs and maintenance	2,495	18	5
Railway haulage	22,741	17	2
Insurances	438	8	0
Compensation for accidents and fund	3,831	5	5
General expenses	187	19	9
Terminal charges	5,174	19	3
Refunds	129	17	10
Audit fees	28	0	0
Highway robbery	89	0	1
Deposit Contract Account	25	0	0
	<u>118,585</u>	6	10
Cash in hand and in Public Account at 31st March, 1919	120,355	15	11
Less vouchers passed	512	10	5
	<u>119,843</u>	5	6
	<u>£388,978</u>	18	11

State Coal-mines Office, Wellington, 24th June, 1919.  
 Louis H. EILERS, F.R.A.N.Z., Accountant.

W. D. S. MacDONALD, Minister of Mines.

TABLE SHOWING THE POSITION OF THE STATE COAL-MINES ACCOUNT FROM INCEPTION TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

Name of Works.	Total Capital Expenditure.			Total Amount of Depreciation written off.			Assets: Net Capital as per Balance-sheet, 1919.			Net Profits.			Net Losses.			Liabilities as per Balance-sheet, 1919.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Point Elizabeth Colliery	98,210	9	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Less loss by fire and sales	904	8	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	97,306	0	7	95,919	2	1	1,386	18	6	131,223	18	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Point Elizabeth (Liverpool Colliery)	189,936	0	1	54,331	13	10	135,601	6	3	507	14	11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Seddonville Colliery	38,187	6	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Less sales	548	17	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	37,638	9	8	37,638	9	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	38,736	8	0	..	..	..
Briquette-works property	16,135	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Less sales of plant	2,066	5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	14,068	17	6	14,068	17	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	22,667	6	11	..	..	..
Charming Creek prospecting	5,956	18	6	5,956	18	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,954	11	8	..	..	..
Development property, Eight-mile	1,082	10.	4	..	..	..	1,082	10	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Prospecting, &c., Waikowai	2,145	1	2	..	..	..	2,145	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington Depot property	6,076	7	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Less sales	323	5	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	5,753	2	3	3,186	0	9	2,567	1	6	..	..	..	5,581	3	3	..	..	..
Christchurch Depot property	7,814	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Less loss on horses	40	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	7,774	12	1	4,063	11	1	3,711	1	0	2,458	19	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wanganui Depot property	2,983	12	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Less loss on horses	40	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2,943	12	6	1,192	2	7	1,751	9	11	..	..	..	953	3	8	..	..	..



Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Attorney General

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Assistant Attorney General

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# PLAN OF POINT ELIZABETH EXTENDED AREA.

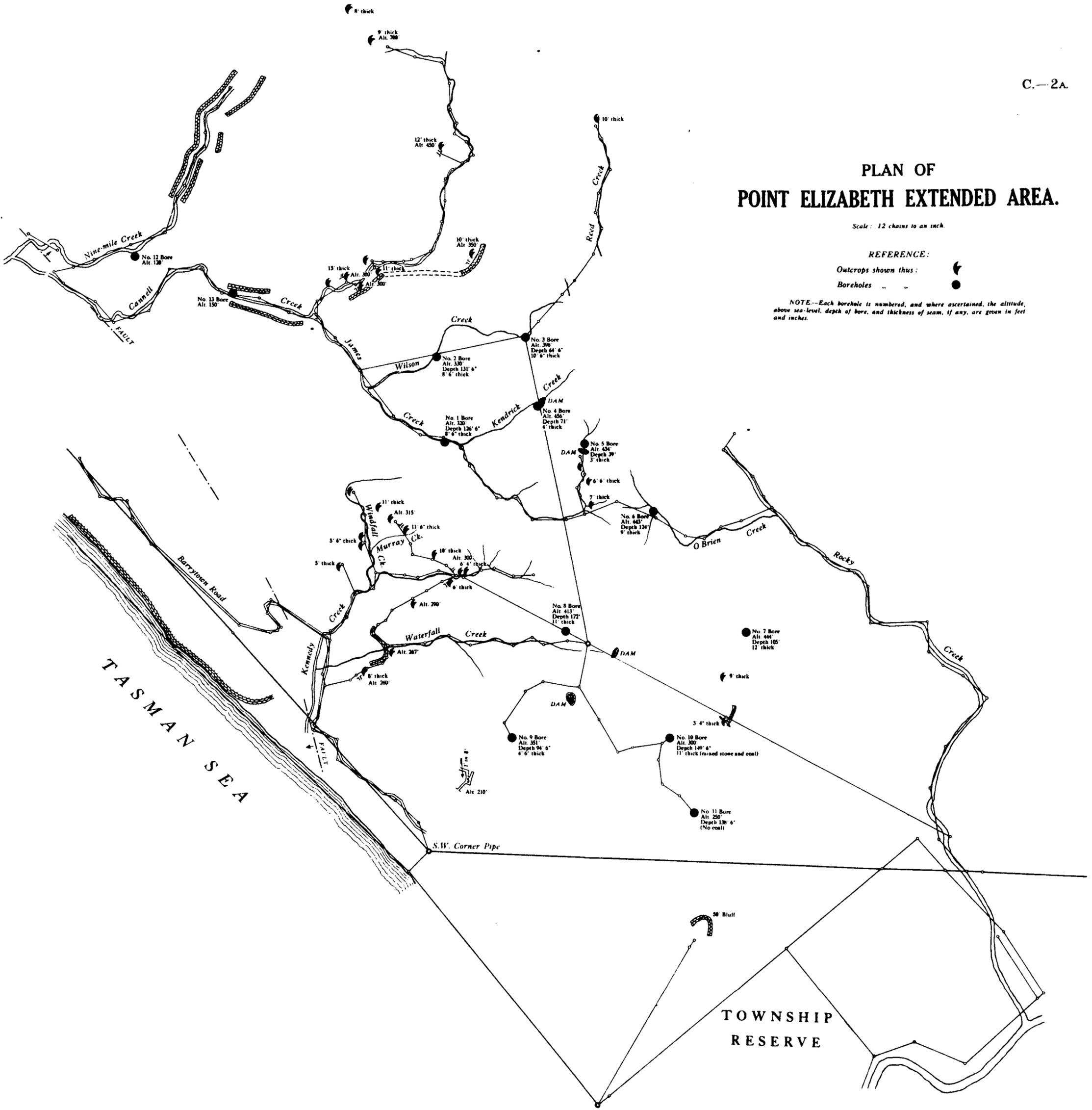
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Boreholes .. .. 

NOTE:--Each borehole is numbered, and where ascertained, the altitude, above sea-level, depth of bore, and thickness of seam, if any, are given in feet and inches.



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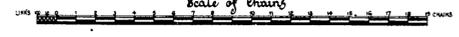
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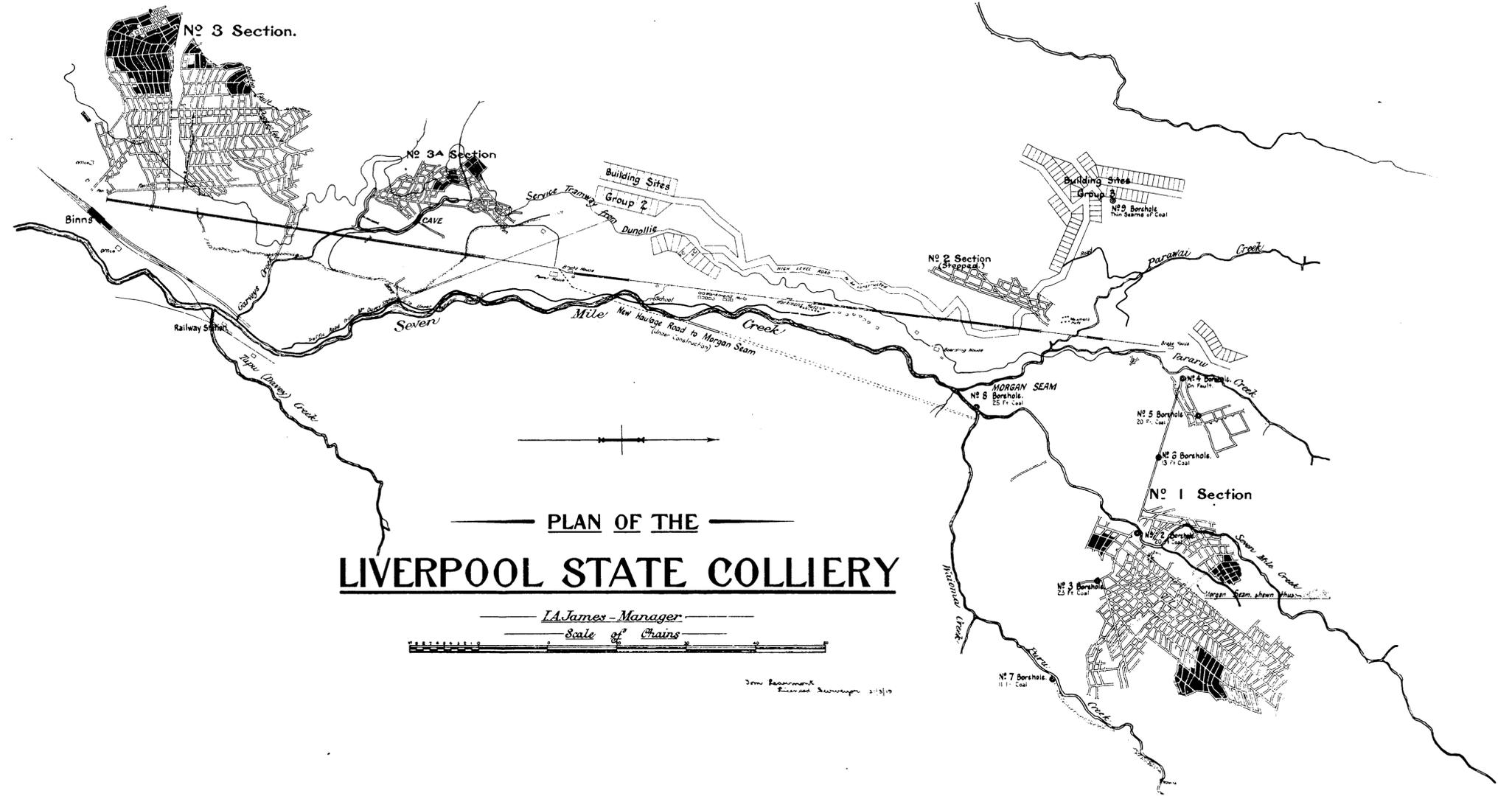
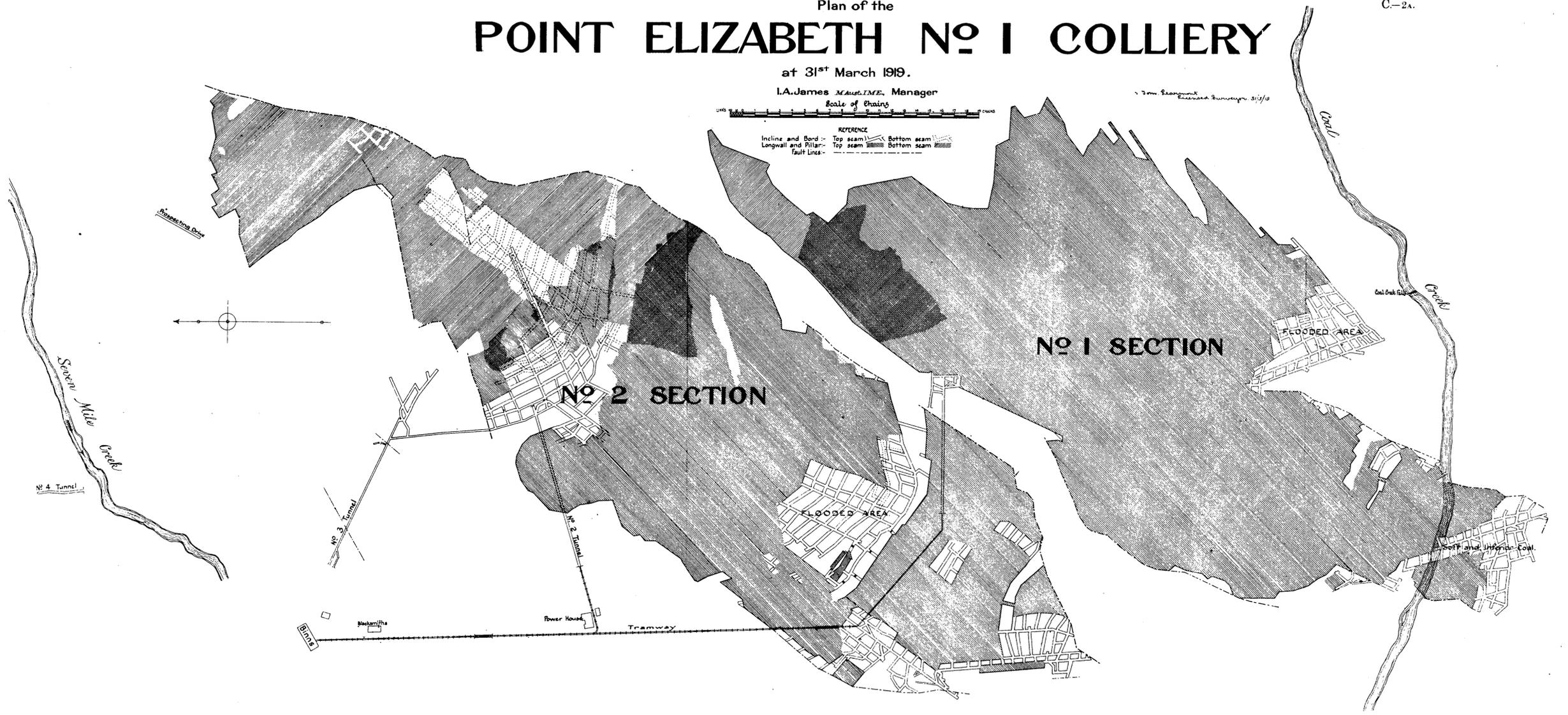
# Plan of the POINT ELIZABETH NO 1 COLLIERY

at 31<sup>st</sup> March 1919.

L.A. James *MANAGER*, Manager



REFERENCE  
Incline and Bord - Top seam  
Longwall and Pillar - Top seam  
Fault Lines -



## PLAN OF THE LIVERPOOL STATE COLLIERY

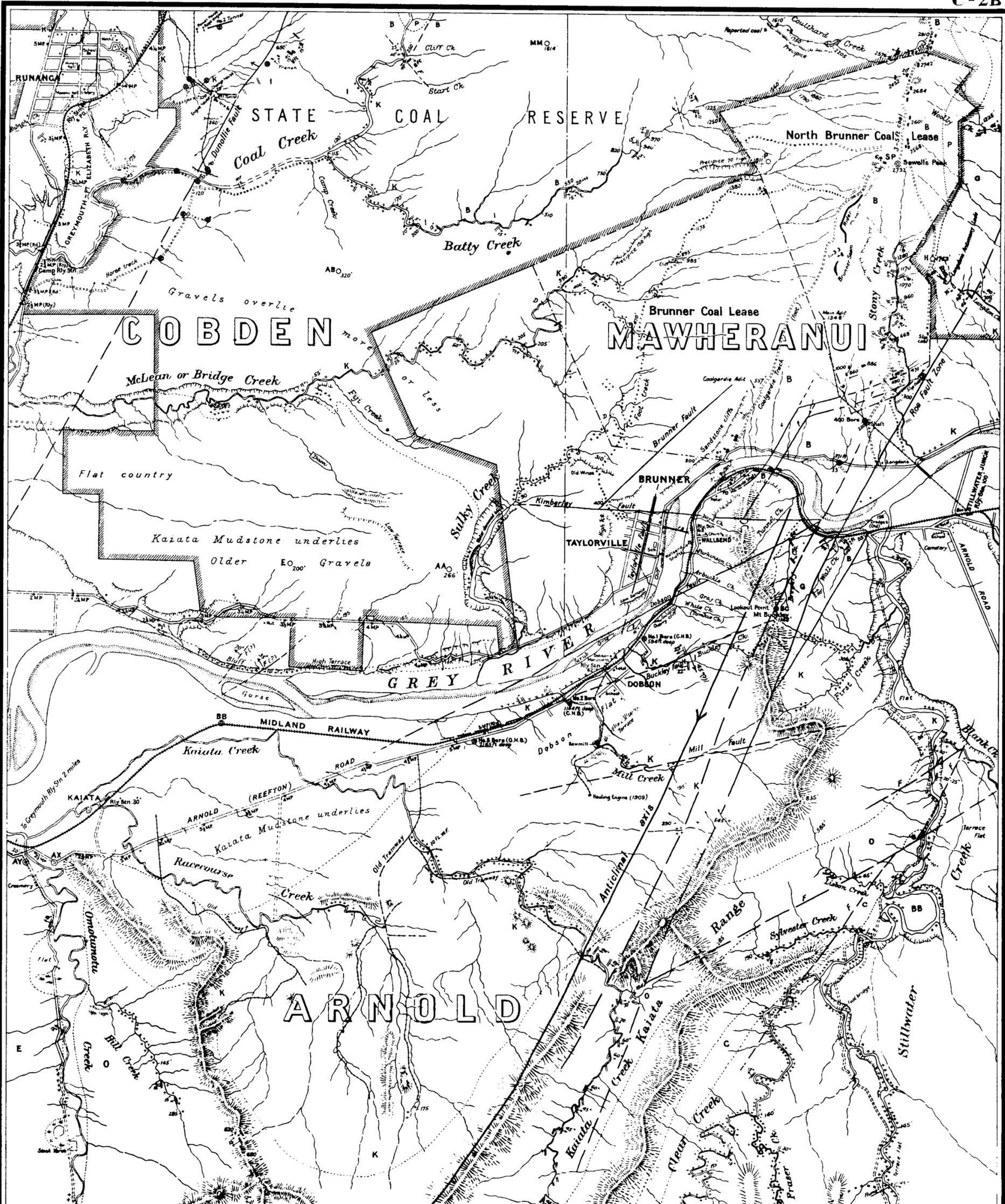
L.A. James - *Manager*

Scale of Chains



3000 Feet  
Estimated Manager 31/3/19

POINT ELIZABETH COLLEGE



**Reference**

Roads	shown thus
Tracks	.....
Trigonometrical Stations	.....
Swamp	.....
Water Races	.....
Railways	.....
Tram Lines	.....
Waterfalls and Dams	.....
Shafts and Drives	.....
Boreholes	.....
State Coal Mine Reserve	.....

**TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GEOLOGICAL  
MAP OF  
BRUNNER, DOBSON  
AND SURROUNDING DISTRICT.**

Scale  
CHAINS 10 20 40 80 160  
KILOMETRE 0 1 2  
MILES 0 1 2

**Reference to Geological Colours and Signs**

RECENT AND PLEISTOCENE	Gravels &c	BB
MIOCENE	Greywacke Series	C
	Blue Bottom Formation	E
	Cobden Limestone	O
	Port Elizabeth Beds	K
EOCENE	Omalumia Beds	I
	Liua Measures	B
	Kaiata Beds	P
	Island Sandstone	S
PALAEOZOIC	Brunner Beds	
	Paparoa Beds	
Greenland Series	Greywackes and Amillite	

Compiled and drawn by G. E. Harris 1914

Impressions from data obtained from the geological survey and from additional surveys by P. G. Morgan and A. B. Murray of the Department of Mines and Geology. The map is published by P. G. Morgan and A. B. Murray.

Outcrops with oblique stroke and dip. Coal outcrops with dots. Faults with zig-zag line.

