

APPENDICES TO THE MINES STATEMENT.

APPENDIX A.

REPORTS RELATING TO METALLIFEROUS MINES AND STONE-QUARRIES.

The INSPECTING ENGINEER OF MINES to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES.

SIR,—

● Wellington, 23rd July, 1923.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1922.

In accordance with the usual practice, the tables showing expenditure on roads, bridges, tracks, prospecting operations, &c., are for the period covered by the financial year—viz., from the 1st April, 1922, to the 31st March, 1923.

The reports, &c., are divided into the following sections :—

- I. Minerals produced and exported.
- II. Persons employed.
- III. Accidents.
- IV. Gold-mining.
 - (1.) Quartz-mining.
 - (2.) Dredge Mining.
 - (3.) Alluvial Mining.
- V. Minerals other than Gold.
- VI. Stone-quarry Inspection and Statistics.
- VII. State Aid to Mining.
 - (1.) Subsidized Prospecting.
 - (2.) Government Prospecting-drills.
 - (3.) Subsidized Roads on Goldfields.
 - (4.) Government Water-races.
 - (5.) Schools of Mines.

Annexures :—

- (A.) Summary of Reports by Inspectors of Mines.
- (B.) Mining Statistics.

I. MINERALS PRODUCED AND EXPORTED.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metal-mines and of stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act during 1922 and 1921.

Mineral.	1922.		1921.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Gold and silver (estimated)	520,287	574,988	551,875	547,105
	Tons. cwt.		Tons. cwt.	
Quicksilver	0 14	231	0 14	231
Tungsten-ore .. .. .	..	..	38 7	1,785
Sulphur .. .. .	..	..	873 0	2,619
Iron	81 0	627	..	..
Asbestos .. .. .	..	..	0 5	50
Stone .. .. .	..	318,087	..	358,362
Pumice	3,020 0	9,320	2,945 0	7,958
Totals .. .. .	..	903,253	..	918,110

The following statement shows the value of New Zealand minerals (other than coal) exported from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1922 :—

	1921.	1922.	Increase or Decrease.	Total from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1922.
	£	£	£	£
Gold	612,168	540,182	Dec. 71,986	90,164,457
Silver	65,647	55,222	„ 10,425	2,769,819
Quicksilver	21	674	Inc. 653	8,336
Tungsten-ore .. .. .	..	528	„ 528	299,839
Kauri-gum	367,197	563,270	„ 196,073	20,068,287
Sand, lime, and building stone .. .. .	..	10,037	„ 10,037	..
Other minerals	8,988	8,356	Dec. 632	465,555
Totals	1,054,021	1,178,269	Inc. 124,248	113,776,293