

The production from and the number of persons employed at the collieries of the Dominion are shown in the following table:—

Name of Colliery.	Locality.	Class of Coal.	Output for 1922.	Total Output to 31st December, 1922.	Total Number of Persons ordinarily employed.
<i>Northern District.</i>			Tons.	Tons.	
Hikurangi (2 collieries)	Hikurangi ..	Semi-bituminous	30,813	1,389,023	80
Wilson's Colliery	" ..	" ..	30,257	74,099	110
Taupiri Extended	Huntly ..	Brown ..	130,499	2,985,281	354
Rotowaro	" ..	" ..	93,496	365,471	187
Pukemiro	" ..	" ..	138,941	732,139	219
Waipa	" ..	" ..	41,488	601,785	106
<i>West Coast District.</i>					
Westport-Stockton	Ngakawau ..	Bituminous ..	86,676	1,805,438	270
Millerton	Millerton ..	" ..	265,285	6,412,903	521
Denniston	Denniston ..	" ..	177,639	8,366,334	501
Paparoa	Roa ..	" ..	39,342	387,954	82
Blackball	Blackball ..	" ..	102,925	3,104,148	259
Liverpool (State)	Rewanui ..	" ..	122,711	1,109,758	297
<i>Southern District.</i>					
Kaitangata and Castlehill (3 collieries) ..	Kaitangata ..	Brown ..	105,257	4,036,694	340
Taratu	" ..	Lignite ..	26,007	503,137	71
Linton	Nightcaps ..	Brown ..	37,033	87,111	46
Wairaki (2 collieries)	" ..	" ..	26,703	67,895	47
156 other collieries	All coalfields ..	Various ..	402,747	23,522,137	1,066
Totals	..	..	1,857,819	55,551,307	4,556

SECTION II.—PERSONS EMPLOYED.

Inspection District.				Average Number of Persons employed during 1922.		
				Above Ground.	Below Ground.	Total.
Southern	..	..	..	333	774	1,107
West Coast	..	..	..	542	1,665	2,207
Northern	..	..	..	316	926	1,242
Totals, 1922	..	..	..	1,191	3,365	4,556
Totals, 1921	..	..	..	1,218	3,149	4,367

The following statement shows the tons of coal raised, persons employed, lives lost by accidents in or about collieries, &c., to 1922.

Year.	Output, in Statute Tons.	Persons ordinarily employed.			Tons raised per each Person employed Below Ground.	Lives Lost by Accidents in or about Collieries.		
		Above Ground.	Below Ground.	Total.		Per Million Tons produced.	Per Thousand Persons employed.	Number of Lives Lost.
Prior to 1900	13,441,457	†	†	†	†	†	†	165
1900 ..	1,093,990	617	1,843	2,460	593	3.65	1.62	4
1901 ..	1,239,686	688	2,066	2,754	600	2.42	1.09	3
1902 ..	1,365,040	803	2,082	2,885	655	1.46	0.69	2
1903 ..	1,420,229	717	2,135	2,852	665	2.81	1.40	4
1904 ..	1,537,838	763	2,525	3,288	609	2.60	1.21	4
1905 ..	1,585,756	833	2,436	3,269	651	3.78	1.83	6
1906 ..	1,729,536	1,174	2,518	3,692	687	3.46	1.62	6
1907 ..	1,831,009	1,143	2,767	3,910	662	6.55	3.07	12
1908 ..	1,860,975	992	2,902	3,894	641	2.68	1.28	5
1909 ..	1,911,247	1,159	3,032	4,191	633	3.65	1.79	7
1910 ..	2,197,362	1,136	3,463	4,599	634	7.28	3.55	16
1911 ..	2,066,073	1,365	2,925	4,290	706	6.77	3.26	14
1912 ..	2,177,615	1,130	3,198	4,328	681	4.13	2.08	9
1913 ..	1,888,005	1,053	3,197	4,250	590	3.18	1.38	6
1914 ..	2,275,614	1,176	3,558	4,734	639	21.53	10.35	49*
1915 ..	2,208,624	1,050	3,106	4,156	711	4.07	2.16	9
1916 ..	2,257,135	988	3,000	3,988	750	2.65	1.50	6
1917 ..	2,068,419	1,090	2,893	3,983	715	1.93	1.00	4
1918 ..	2,034,250	1,102	2,892	3,994	703	2.95	1.50	6
1919 ..	1,847,848	1,095	2,849	3,944	648	5.41	2.53	10
1920 ..	1,843,705	1,152	2,926	4,078	630	0.54	0.24	1
1921 ..	1,809,095	1,218	3,149	4,367	574	5.52	2.28	10
1922 ..	1,857,819	1,191	3,365	4,556	552	3.23	1.31	6
Totals ..	55,551,307	..	..	..	..	..	..	364

* Year of Ralph's (Huntly) explosion.

† For returns for previous years see page 32, Mines Statement, 1921.