

SESSION II.  
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NEW ZEALAND.

# STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORT ON THE WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1923.

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

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

SIR,—

15th May, 1923.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the working of the State coal-mines for the year ended 31st March, 1923.

## LIVERPOOL COLLIERY.

The gross total output of coal for the year was 116,285 tons 3 cwt., a decrease of 21,622 tons<sup>s</sup> 17 cwt. when compared with the figures of last year. After making allowance for stocks on hand at the beginning of the year, and deducting mine consumption and waste, there remained for disposal 117,391 tons 15 cwt., which is accounted for as follows:—

					Tons.	Cwt.	Tons.	Cwt.
Export—								
Screened	..	..	..	..	18,957	4		
Unscreened	..	..	..	..	46,432	12		
Small	..	..	..	..	32,548	13		
							97,938	9
Local sales—								
Screened	..	..	..	..	893	11		
Unscreened	..	..	..	..	6,981	15		
Bunker	..	..	..	..	5,316	15		
							13,192	1
Mine sales—								
Mine sales	..	..	..	..	26	10		
Sold to workmen	..	..	..	..	2,268	1		
Stock in bin	..	..	..	..	3,581	12		
							5,876	3
Stock on wharf—								
Screened	..	..	..	..	248	13		
Unscreened	..	..	..	..	136	9		
							385	2
							117,391	15
Used on works	..	..	..	..	3,258	0		
Waste	..	..	..	..	669	3		
							3,927	3

*Days worked.*—During the year the Nos. 1 and 3 mines worked 209 $\frac{3}{4}$  days and 215 $\frac{1}{4}$  days respectively, a decrease of 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 13 $\frac{1}{4}$  days respectively, as compared with the number worked last year.

The mine was idle for the reasons hereinafter set forth and for the periods mentioned, viz.:—

	No. 1 Mine.	No. 3 Mine.
Union holidays (not in award)	.. 3	3
Union holidays (award)	.. 20	20
Pay Saturdays	.. 26	26
Seamen's strike	.. 11	11
Strike over walking-time	.. 13	12
Stop-work meetings at mine	.. 4	2
Stop-work meetings at wharf	.. 1	1
Strike over reduced rates	.. 2	1
Delays to shipping and irregularity of orders	.. 17	17
Bar unworkable	.. 1	1
Slip on railway	.. 2	2
Fall on endless-rope road	.. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	..
Quarterly cavils	.. 1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
	103 $\frac{1}{8}$	97 $\frac{3}{4}$