

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, 24th July, 1924.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1923.

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, 1923, to the 31st March, 1924.

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. Stone-quarry Inspection and Statistics.
- VI. 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.) Summary of Reports by Water-race Managers.
- (C.) Summary of Report by Inspector of Quarries.
- (D.) 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 1923 and 1922 :—

Mineral.	1923.		1922.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver (estimated) .. .. .	Oz. 692,090	£ 737,170	Oz. 520,287	£ 574,988
Quicksilver .. .. .	Tons. cwt. 5 9	218	Tons. cwt. 0 14	231
Tungsten-ore .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Iron .. .. .	..	..	81 0	627
Stone .. .. .	..	370,995	..	318,093
Pumice .. .. .	3,716 0	10,029	3,020 0	9,320
Totals .. .. .	..	1,118,412	..	903,259