

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, 26th May, 1926.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

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, 1925, to the 31st March, 1926.

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.) Summary of Report by Water-race Manager.
- (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 1925 and 1924 :—

Mineral	1925.		1924.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Gold and silver (estimated)	625,626	546,026	652,855	607,253
	Tons cwt.		Tons cwt.	
Tungsten-ore	1 15	64	3 0	126
Iron	1,289 0	8,701	630 0	4,725
Stone .. .. .	.. .. .	463,667	.. .. .	373,827
Pumice	2,532 0	7,672	1,629 0	4,956
Sulphur	269 0	1,154	.. .. .	.. .. .
Totals .. .. .	.. .. .	1,027,284	.. .. .	990,887

The following statement shows the value of New Zealand minerals (other than coal) exported from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1925 :—

	1925.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.	Total from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1925.
	£	£	£	£
Gold	472,364	551,788	Dec. 79,424	91,887,192
Silver	60,773	71,981	Dec. 11,208	2,965,424
Tungsten-ore	2,255	1,156	Inc. 1,099	304,125
Kauri-gum	414,901	443,576	Dec. 28,675	21,522,986
Sand, lime, and building-stone	7,968	7,625	Inc. 343	511,703
Other minerals	451	5,103	Dec. 4,652	
Totals	958,712	1,081,229	Dec. 122,517	117,191,430