

1926.
NEW ZEALAND.

MINES STATEMENT

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MR. SPEAKER,—

I have the honour to present to Parliament my sixth annual statement on the mining industry of the Dominion for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metalliferous mines, stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act, and of coal-mines during 1925 and 1924 :—

Mineral.	1925.		1924.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver*	625,626 oz.	£ 546,026	652,855 oz.	£ 607,253
Tungsten-ore	11 ⁵ / ₂₀ tons	64	3 tons	126
Sulphur	269 „	1,154
Iron	1,289 „	8,701	630 „	4,725
Stone	..	463,667	..	373,827
Pumice	2,532 „	7,672	1,629 „	4,956
Coal	2,114,995 „	2,114,995	2,083,207 „	2,083,207
Totals	..	£3,142,279	..	£3,074,094

* The gold-silver bullion is generally exported unseparated.

The value of minerals, including kauri-gum, exported and of the coal used in the Dominion, which is shown in table No. 1 accompanying this statement, amounted to £3,170,828, as compared with £3,237,331 during 1924. The total value of such minerals exported to the end of 1925 amounted to £159,676,343.

GOLD AND SILVER MINING.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of bullion-production, the dividends paid by registered companies, and the number of productive claims and gold-dredges during 1925 and 1924 :—

Class of Gold-mining.	Production of Bullion.				Dividends paid by Registered Companies.		Number of Productive Claims and Dredges.	
	1925.		1924.		1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£	£	£		
Quartz ..	604,044	460,042	625,162	490,850	62,390	50,790	22	23
Alluvial ..	11,545	44,990	14,357	57,863	1,950	6,180	248	273
Dredging ..	10,037	40,994	13,336	58,540	3,283	6,566	5	5
Totals ..	625,626	546,026	652,855	607,253	67,623	63,536	275	301