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NEW ZEALAND.

MINES STATEMENT

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MR. SPEAKER,—

I have the honour to present to Parliament my seventh annual statement on the mining industry of the Dominion for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

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 1926 and 1925 :—

Mineral.	1926.		1925.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver*	554,529 oz.	£ 539,302	625,626 oz.	£ 546,026
Platinum	31 „	313	..	..
Tungsten-ore..	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>20</sub> tons	475	1 <sup>1.5</sup> / <sub>20</sub> tons	64
Sulphur	594 „	5,217	269 „	1,154
Iron	3,997 „	19,585	1,289 „	8,701
Stone	..	516,075	..	463,667
Pumice	2,358 „	8,081	2,532 „	7,672
Coal	2,239,999 „	2,239,999	2,114,995 „	2,114,995
Totals	..	£3,329,047	..	£3,142,279

\* 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 £3,254,372, as compared with £3,170,828 during 1925. The total value of such minerals exported to the end of 1926 amounted to £162,930,715.

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 1926 and 1925 :—

Class of Gold-mining.	Production of Bullion.				Dividends paid by Registered Companies.		Number of Productive Claims and Dredges.	
	1926.		1925.		1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£	£	£		
Quartz ..	530,087	442,674	604,044	460,042	55,841	62,390	21	22
Alluvial ..	11,338	43,659	11,545	44,990	3,725	1,950	288	248
Dredging ..	13,104	52,969	10,037	40,994	..	3,283	5	5
Totals ..	554,529	539,302	625,626	546,026	59,566	67,623	314	275