

25. *Existing Legislation*.—Subject to occasional minor amendments of the regulations that may from time to time be found desirable, we consider that the existing legislation, if carried out, is ample to ensure safety in coal-mines. Constant vigilance and firmness on the part of the Inspectors is, however, necessary. Some tightening up in this regard may prove beneficial.

26. *General*.—We desire to express our appreciation of the assistance rendered to us during the inquiry by the counsel, advocates, and parties engaged. The secretary, Mr. J. T. Watkins, merits our sincere thanks for the able manner in which he has discharged his duties.

We return herewith Your Excellency's Commission, and also enclose—(1) Minutes of the proceedings and verbatim report of the evidence given; (2) plan of the mine, and documents produced at the inquiry.

And this our report we have the honour respectfully to submit for the consideration of Your Excellency, in obedience to the Commission addressed to us.

Given under our hands and seals, at Greymouth, this 20th day of June, 1927.

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