

Class of Gold-mining.	Production of Bullion.				Dividends paid by Registered Companies.		Number of Productive Claims and Dredges.	
	1927.		1926.		1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£	£	£		
Quartz	480,978	449,281	530,087	442,674	49,591	55,841	22	21
Alluvial	10,402	40,154	11,338	43,659	2,155	3,725	346	288
Dredging	15,040	60,731	13,104	52,969	6,766	..	4	5
Totals	506,420	550,166	554,529	539,302	58,512	59,566	372	314

COAL-MINING.

The output of several classes of coal mined in each inspection district is summarized as follows:—

Class of Coal.	Output of Coal during 1927.				Total Output to the End of 1927.
	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Total.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and sub-bituminous	172,348	1,118,181	..	1,290,529	40,470,314
Brown	575,182	37,792	341,462	954,436	21,761,713
Lignite .. ..	..	218	121,557	121,775	4,094,055
Totals for 1927 ..	747,530	1,156,191	463,019	2,366,740	66,326,082
Totals for 1926 ..	653,849	1,122,176	463,974	2,239,999	63,959,342

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN OR ABOUT MINES AND STONE-QUARRIES.

The following table shows the number of persons employed in each inspection district during 1927 and 1926:—

Classification.	Inspection District.			Totals.		
	Northern (North Island).	West Coast (of South Island).	Southern (rest of South Island).	1927.	1926.	Increase or Decrease.
Gold, silver, and tungsten ore	804	507	352	1,663	1,706	Dec. 43
Ironstone .. ..	..	70	..	70	64	Inc. 6
Sulphur	6	..	..	6	12	Dec. 6
Coal	1,478	2,935	961	5,374	5,159	Inc. 215
Stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act	1,671	274	396	2,341	2,243	„ 98
Oil	29	3	..	32	23	„ 9
Totals	3,988	3,789	1,709	9,486	9,207	Inc. 279

MINING AND QUARRY ACCIDENTS.

In metalliferous mines, at which 1,733 men were ordinarily employed, there was no fatal accident and only one serious accident.

At stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act, employing 2,341 men, one person was killed and five persons met with serious injuries.

There were 5,374 persons ordinarily employed about the coal-mines, and there were ten persons killed and twenty-seven persons seriously injured.

SOCIAL AMENITIES AT MINING TOWNSHIPS.

Further facilities for recreation of miners and others at mining townships have been provided during the past year. At Roa a tennis-court, financed by the residents of the district, has been constructed. The residents of Denniston, with the assistance of the Westport Coal Co., provided a bowling-green for the use of miners and the public. The facilities provided for athletic sports, &c., in mining towns continue to be extensively used and patronized by the miners and the general public.