1929. NEW ZEALAND.

STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORT ON THE WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1929.

Prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 184 of the Coal-mines Act, 1925.

The Superintendent, State Coal-mines, Greymouth, to the Under-Secretary, Mines Department, Wellington.

Sir.—

18th April, 1929.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the working of the State coal-mines for the year ended 31st March, 1929.

LIVERPOOL COLLIERY.

Coal-winning.—The gross total output of coal for the year was 129,126 tons 4 cwt., a reduction of 14.763 tons 10 cwt. when compared with the figures of last year.

After making allowances for stocks on hand at the beginning of the year and deducting mine consumption and waste, there remained for disposal 122,340 tons, which is accounted for as follows:—

	!	Screened.	Unscreened.	Small.	Total.
Export		Tons ewt. qr. 7,476 14 0 13,137 6 0 6,464 14 0 6 10 2	Tons cwt. qr. 33,342 8 0 16,178 18 2 788 12 2 23 15 0 1,874 12 0 3,558 0 3 66 2 0	Tons ewt. qr. 29,575 11 0 12,118 12 1 3,629 3 0 12 9 0 500 0 0	Tons ewt. qr. 70,394 13 0 41,434 16 3 10,882 9 2 42 14 2 1,874 12 0 4,058 0 3 66 2 0
		27,085 4 2	55,832 8 3	45,835 15 1	128,753 8 2
Used on works Waste		• •	5,573 0 0 1,213 4 0		$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Totals	• •	27,085 4 2	62,618 12 3	45,835 15 1	135,539 12 2

The gross total output from this colliery since its inception amounts to 1,924,319 tons 17 cwi.

Days worked.—During the year the No. 1 Mine worked 180 days and the No. 2 Mine 177 days. The difference between the days worked and possible working-days (exclusive of fifty pay and back Saturdays) is accounted for as follows:—

			1	No. 1 Mine.	No. 2 Mine.
				Days hrs.	Days hrs.
Union holidays			 	20 - 0	20 0
Delays to shipping and want o	trade		 	53 0	53 0
Bad weather			 		1 0
Stop-work meeting			 	1 0	1 0
Fall on main haulage-road			 • • .	1 0	1 0
Breakdown of fan			 		1 0
Prosecution of Millerton miners	٠		 	1 0	1 0
Election day			 	1 0	1 0
Boiler-explosion			 	3 0	3 0
Strike owing to men's lamps be	eing stop	ped	 	2 0	2 0
Lightning		• ••	 ••	• •	1 0
			1	82 0	85 0

The days worked at the Nos. 1 and 2 Mines are $21\frac{1}{2}$ and $28\frac{1}{2}$ respectively less than those of the previous year.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed in and about the mine was 356, made up as follows: Underground—Coal-hewers, 125; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 132. On the surface—69 men and 30 boys. In addition to those employed under the head of "coal-winning," there were on an average 2 men employed on development work, making a total number for the colliery of 328 men and 30 boys.

Payments.—The total payments made in connection with coal-winning, for wages, stores, minetimber, and compensation, amounted to £90,520, a decrease of £8,454 18s. compared with the previous year. In addition to the amount expended on coal-winning, £443 18s. was expended on development work.

Coal-hewers' Average Earnings Daily.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £1 11s. 5d., and after making deductions for stores (explosives) the net return was £1 8s. 4d., an increase of 2s. 2d. compared with the previous year.

Daily Output.—The average daily mine output was 730 tons, as compared with 708 tons for the previous year. The coal-hewers' average daily output was 6 tons 2 cwt., an increase of 10 cwt. when compared with the previous year.

Days worked by Coal-hewers.—The total number of days that could have been worked by coal-hewers was 26,177; the number worked was 21,242; and the number lost, including those lost through sickness, was 4,935. In the latter are included 3,010 days that were lost owing to the miners refusing to work on back Saturdays.

Deficiencies.—The total amount paid under the minimum-wage clause during the year was £264 13s. 10d. This works out to a cost of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton.

Underground Workings.—Operations underground have been carried out much on similar lines to those of the previous year—namely, the extraction of pillars from the No. 1 Mine and the developing of the No. 2 Mine. In the former mine the area standing on pillars is approximately 5 acres. It is doubtful whether more than two-thirds of the coal from this area will be won, as pillars will require to be left to protect the high cliffs near the entrances to the various sections.

No. 2 Mine.—With the exception of the Kimbell east level, where trouble has been encountered through the seam being badly split up with thick stone bands, all other development work at this mine has been of a satisfactory nature. In connection with the Kimbell east level, a considerable amount of prospecting-work has been carried out by driving underground, also by examination of the surface in that locality. The results of prospecting operations underground are not very encouraging, and from surface examination it was found there is a large fault within 10 chains of where the east level met the trouble.

The Morgan seam in a northerly and easterly direction continues to open up well, but it is a great pity the coal from this seam is of such a friable nature.

In the Anderson seam a small area to the dip is being developed, also pillars extracted from the south-east level section. In connection with the latter it is pleasing to report that as the pillars are extracted the roof in the goaf falls fairly close, thus leaving little or no space for gas to accumulate in the goaf. The pillar section is ventilated separately from the dip workings, and the return air is conducted direct into the main return airway.

Surface Work.—The plant and machinery in and about the mine has been maintained in efficient working-order. During the year 200 new mine-tubs were made at the colliery workshops, and these have been put into commission to meet the requirements of the No. 2 Mine as the workings advanced. An additional bin adjoining the present slack was erected for the storage of peas and nuts, also a large concrete tank for hot water at the No. 2 Mine bathhouse.

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Electric Safety-lamps.—At the present time the hand and cap electric safety-lamps used at the No. 2 Mine are known as the Pearson N.I.F.E. Alkaline lamps. Although these lamps give good service, a trial is being made with the Edison approved type of cap-lamp. This lamp is slightly heavier than the Pearson, but it has an advantage from a lighting point of view. Fitted to these lamps is a double-filament bulb with a two-way switch, the candle-power of the filaments being 5 and 15 respectively. Should one filament fail, the other can be switched on, and thus enable the workman to complete his shift without changing his lamp. From the lighting point of view these lamps are very satisfactory, but the head-piece is not nearly so strong as the Pearson N.I.F.E., and they are therefore much more easily damaged.

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Stone-dusting.—Work under this head is regularly carried out, and during the year 55 tons of stone-dust was used. The number of samples analysed from the various zones in the mines was 254.

In addition to the latter, 63 samples were tested from co-operative parties and other mines.

Accidents.—During the year there were several minor accidents, and it is regrettable to report there was one fatal accident, in connection with which a special report was forwarded. The weekly payments made under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act, being at the rate of 663 per cent. of the wages earned prior to the accident, amounted to £1,945 10s. 10d. This on the output produced for the year works out to a cost of 3.62d, per ton, compared with 5.24d, per ton for the previous year.

JAMES COLLIERY.

Coal-winning. — The gross total output for the year was 39,104 tons 10 cwt., a decrease of 2,240 tons 9 cwt. compared with the previous year. After making allowance for stocks on hand at the beginning of the year and deducting mine consumption and waste, there remained for disposal 38,219 tons 2 cwt. 2 qr., which is accounted for as follows:—

	Screened.	Unscreened and Nuts.	Small.	Slack.	Total.
	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons ewt. qr.	Tons ewt. qr.	
Export	13,816 14 0	50 9 0	232 7 0	6,648 0 0	20,747 10 0
Rail, Canterbury	$11,504 \ 13 \ 1$	25 16 1	872 2 3	$136 \ 13 \ 1$	12,539 5 2
Local sales	$741 \ 15 \ 2$	51 3 1	$2 \ 0 \ 0$	$2,326\ 16\ 2$	$3,121 \ 15 \ 1$
Sold to workmen		521 10 0			521 1 0 0
Stock in bin and siding	100 0 0		150 0 0	159 19 3	409 19 3
Stock on wharf	229 2 0				229 - 2 - 6
Stock in dump		• •	••	650 0 0	650 0 0
	26,392 4 3	648 18 2	1,256 9 3	9,921 9 2	38,219 2 2
Used on works			1,678 0 0		1,678 0 (
Waste	••	812 10 0		• •	812 10 (
Totals	26,392 4 3	1,461 8 2	2,934 9 3	9,921 9 2	40,709 12 2

The gross output from this colliery since its inception amounts to 199,483 tons 16 cwt.

Days worked.—The mine during the year worked on 215 days, being 10 less than the previous year. The difference between the days worked and possible working-days, exclusive of 50 pay and back Saturdays, is accounted for as follows: Union holidays, 20; want of wagons, 14; installing new machinery, 1; breakdown to machinery, $\frac{1}{2}$; stop-work meeting, 1; death of G. Gardener, 2; prosecution of Millerton miners, 1; strike over removal of a miner, $\frac{1}{2}$; bathhouse dispute, 1; dismissal of trucker, 2; stoppage over filling dirty coal, 1; trucking dispute, 1; election day, 1: total, 47.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, the average number of persons employed was 77, made up as follows: Underground—Coal-hewers, 37; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 25: on the surface, 13 men and 2 boys. In addition to those employed under the head of "coal-winning," there were on an average 5 men employed on development work, making a total for the colliery of 80 men and 2 boys.

Payments.—The total payments made in connection with coal-winning, for wages, stores, mmetimber, and compensation, amounted to £24,931 8s. 11d., an increase of £476 10s. 5d. as compared with the previous year. In addition to the amount expended on coal-winning, £2,268 11s. 10d. was expended on development work.

on development work.

*Coal-hewers' Average Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings (gross) were £1 9s. 7d., and after deducting stores (explosives) the net return was £1 3s. 7d., an increase of practically

2d. per day compared with the previous year.

Days worked by Coal-hewers.—The total number of days that could have been worked by coal-hewers was 9,324; the days worked were 7,527; and the number lost, including those lost through sickness and through not working on back Saturdays, was 1,797.

Daily Output.—The average daily mine output was 182 tons, a decrease of 1 ton 15 cwt. per day compared with last year. The daily average output per coal-hewer was 5 tons 4 cwt., the same as the previous year.

Deficiencies.—The total amount paid under the minimum-wage clause during the year was

£458 15s. 7d. This works out to a cost of 2.82d. per ton.

Accidents.—During the year there were a few minor accidents, but not any of a serious nature. The payments made at this colliery under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act amounted to £826 4s. On the output produced this works out to a cost of 5.42d. per ton, as compared with 1.55d. per ton for the previous year.

Underground Workings.—The output during the year from this mine was obtained from the development of what is known as the main-heading section, and the extraction of pillars from the dip, east and west sections. The pillars from the latter section have been extracted, and in the two roadways leading thereto concrete stoppings have been built. In the dip and east sections water is allowed to rise as the pillars are extracted, thus removing any danger of fires from the area pillared.

In the main-heading section a reasonable area has been opened up, but the pillars therefrom cannot be extracted for some time to come. To extract the pillars would no doubt damage the surface, and therefore cause water to percolate into the workings, which would necessitate a pumping plant to deal with it

On the west side from near the terminal wheel in the main-heading section a level has been driven a distance of about 5 chains. The coal in this level has been fairly good, but the thickness of the seam has been variable, the greatest thickness being no more than about 5 ft. From this level a dip heading was started with the object of opening up an area between James Creek and the Greymouth-Barrytown Road. This dip heading was only driven a distance of 3 chains when the seam pinched to an unworkable thickness.

Development Work.—During the year the main heading was extended a distance of 8 chains, and a connection made with the coal-outcrops on the banks of Cannell Creek. In the driving of this distance two large rolls of stone in the seam had to be driven through, also some very heavy ground had to be dealt with when within a chain of Cannell Creek. Two places have been opened up on these outcrops, and roads laid preparatory to working, but in the meantime they are stopped.

On the main haulage-road leading to Cannell Creek a small section is being developed, and when completed arrangements will be made to extend the main haulage-rope and work the two places opened

On the east side of the mine-workings there is an upthrow fault which displaces the seam from 35 ft. to 40 ft. With the object of crossing this fault two slant headings are being driven, one as a haulage-road and the other as a return airway. These headings have been set off in such a direction in order to be suitable to deal with the coal from the area in the vicinity of bore No. 8, where 8 ft. of coal was proved to exist: also the coal that outcrops in the upper reaches of Cannell Creek.

coal was proved to exist; also the coal that outcrops in the upper reaches of Cannell Creek. Exploration.—Under this head much work has been done by means of boring and careful examination of the surface outcrops. During the year six holes were put down, the total depth drilled being 767 ft. 6 in. One of the holes, No. 1a, was put down on the upper side of the fault on the east side of the mine-workings, to prove the extent of the displacement, and the other five were drilled to further prove the field on the west side between James Creek and the Greymouth-Barrytown Road. The results obtained from the five latter holes were not satisfactory, as will be seen from the following records: In bore No. 2a 2 ft. of coal was struck, but unfortunately a portion of the boring plant was lost in the hole, which prevented its completion. This hole, however, disclosed an upthrow fault of approximately 80 ft. between it and the present mine-workings. In bore No. 3a. 5 ft. of coal was met with; No. 4a, no coal; No. 5a, 3 ft. 6 in. coal; and in No. 6a 5 ft. of coal. These holes, together with others previously put down, prove that nowhere in this locality is the seam more than 5 ft. in thickness. They also prove that the seam pinches out in places. From this information it is questionable whether this area is worthy of development.

The surface outcrops on the banks of Cannell Creek have been carefully examined and traced for some considerable distance; an area between the mine and Ten-mile Creek has also been carefully prospected. In connection with the former, the results obtained were fairly satisfactory, and will justify further development; but in the latter area no workable coal was discovered.

Electrification.—In my previous report reference was made to the proposed electrical installation to replace the steam and compressed-air plant then in use. The whole of the electrical equipment has been installed, and it is pleasing to report that the plant is working most satisfactorily.

Future Developments.—On a portion of the State Coal Reserve at Dunollie boring operations by means of the diamond-drilling plant are being carried out in order to ascertain whether a workable seam exists in the area between the Seven-mile and Cavern Creeks. One hole has already been drilled, and a seam of hard coal 6 ft. 6 in. in thickness struck at a depth of 222 ft. Drilling operations were carried on to a depth of 406 ft. when the hole was stopped. The seam met with in this hole is one that is situated about 150 ft. above those previously worked at the Point Elizabeth Colliery, and in order to prove the latter boring operations as herein stated were carried on to a depth of 406 ft. At a depth of 372 ft. the upper seam worked at the old Point Elizabeth Colliery was met with, the thickness being as follows: Coal, 1 ft. 3 in.; shale, 6 in.; and coal 1 ft. 9 in. At a depth of 392 ft. the bottom seam was pierced, but the thickness was only 1 ft. 3 in. From the result of this borehole it will be seen that the seam worked at the Point Elizabeth Colliery thins considerably in the westward direction.

GENERAL.

Under this head reference may be made to the reduced output and increased cost of production. As already shown in this report, the output from both collieries is lower than in the previous year, due to the number of working-days being considerably less. The average number of days lost during the year at the Liverpool Colliery (excluding back Saturdays) was 62. Taking the latter figure with the daily output of 730 tons per day, this represents a loss in the output of 45,260 tons, also a serious loss in the miners' earnings. It has been the aim of the management to keep down the cost of production, but in consequence of the frequent interruptions to work and the reduced output the costs have been higher than if given a regular and greater output.

In conclusion, I wish to state that the officers in all branches have performed their duties in a satisfactory manner, and I am also indebted to yourself for valuable services rendered in connection with several matters concerning the mines.

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I. A. James, Superintendent.

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES.

Colliery Working Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.

Dr.	LIVERPOOL.	James.	Cr.	LIVERPOOL.	James.
To Stocks on hand, 1st April,1928 Coal-winning Wages Stores and materials used Electric power Railway tickets Subsidized bus fares, &c. Stores sales (at cost) Coal purchased Special rate Royalty Gross profit—To Profit and	£ s. d. 6,337 18 5 74,751 10 2 6,854 8 1 674 0 4 7,787 1 6 311 4 1 808 7 3 	984 0 9 295 4 8	By Sales of coal Sales of stores, power, &c Stocks of coal on ham at 31st March, 1929, at mine, wharf, and afloat	£ s. d. 160,712 19 0 8,911 11 2 4,464 6 10	£ s. d. 52,660 11 5 550 7 1
Loss Account	76,564 7 2 £174,088 17 0	£53,210 18 6		£174,088 17 0	£53,210 18

Colliery Profit and Loss Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.

Dr.	Liverpool.	James.	Cr.	Liverpool.	James.
To Salaries	£ s. d. 3,060 18 5	£ s. d. 918 4 11 23 10 7	By Gross profit at mine	£ s. d. 76,564 7 2 485 12 11	£ s. d. 28,019 10 10
$egin{array}{lll} { m Rent} & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ { m Interest} & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ { m Travelling-expenses} & \dots & \dots \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Rents	400 12 11	
Printing and stationery Repairs and maintenance Telegrams and postages	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		•	
Railway haulage Insurance	$\begin{array}{ccccc} 11,001 & 8 & 0 \\ 3,206 & 5 & 9 \\ 277 & 4 & 6 \end{array}$	2,825 933 19 79 17 0			
General expenses	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			
Audit fees Wharfage Superannuation Fund subsidy	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$: 	
Depreciation—Mine, build- ings, plant, and machinery	8,653 3 7	3,282 7 5			
Net profit—Transferred to General Profit and Loss	76,823 11 7	26,353 15 3			
Account	226 8 6 £77,050 0 1	1,665 15 7 £28,019 10 10		£77,050 0 I	£28 019 10 10

Plant, Buildings, etc., on Hire Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.

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	Net revenue—T Profit and Lo			eral 	14	2	8						
					558	8	3						
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σp.,	Dr. Interest				$^{£}$ 145	s. 19		Cr. By Hire of plant, buildings, &c.	•		£ 572		d. 11

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES-continued.

Depot Trading Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.

Dr.	Wellington.	CHRISTCHURCH.	Wanganui.	Or.	Wellington.	CHRISTCHURCH.	Wangandi.
To Stools on hand 1st Armil 1098	2 S. d.	£ s. d.	£ 8. d.	By Salve of axel	£ s. d.	75 of F. 1. S. d.	3. 06.
Purchases of framed one &c.	110,632 14 6 9 980 9	38,940 13 4 858 8 10	18,270 9 4 399 1 4	Stocks of coke, wood, &c Stocks on bond at 21st Manch 1020	3,663 4 8	22	20,241 9 0 466 6 6
Wharfage	901 14 6	01 0 000	199 16 3	Coal	3,890 5 8	8.021 10 7	447 16 6
Haulage to depot Wages—Discharging	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	25,351 8 10 467 8 8	147 4 1 38 4 9	Firewood, coke, &c	347 17 6	651 15 6	248 1 9
Gross profit — To Profit and Loss	119,586 8 3 10,992 6 4	75,018 14 9 7,111 5 6	19,482 14 3 1,921 0 0				
Account	£130,578 14 7	£82,130 0 3	£21,403 14 3		£130,578 14 7	£82,130 0 3	£21,403 14 3

Depot Profit and Loss Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.

Net profit—To General Profit and Loss 895 5 0	0 0 0 0 0
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NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—continued.

STATEMENT OF COLLIERY PROPERTY ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1929.

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Development and Property Account—Balance at 31st March, 1928 Additions during the year	::	<u> </u> 	::	; ;	::	£ s. d. 63,860 2 2 598 4 5	ж. s. d.	£ s. d. 30,502 0 0 2,780 18 2	æ.	£ s. d. 80,071 14 2 3,144 8 7	.s. d.	ક. લે.
Less transfer to Cottages Account	;	;	:	;	:	64,458 6 7 1,189 13 6	ı	33,282 18 2		83,216 2 9		
Depreciation	:	:	:	:	:	63,268 13 1 3,067 18 0	1 21 000 02	1,738 14 9		:	0 210 60	174 081
Electrical Plant Account—Balance at 31st March, 1928 Additions during the year	: :	: :	: :	: :	::	::		448 4 0 5,788 10 5		::	4	•
Depreciation	•	:	:	:	:	:	1	6,236 14 5 340 5 4	-	:		
Less provisionally written off	:	:	•	:	:	:	<u>.</u>	5,896 9 1 13 6 0				10 6 6 7 7
Machinery, plant, ropes, and rolling-stock—Balance at 31st March, 1928 Less transferred to plant, buildings, &c., on hire	ck— ., &c., on	 hire	::	::	::	33,605 3 1 250 1 8		6,946 1 2 238 0 0	1 c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c	: ::		
Plant on hire returned Additions during the year	: :	::	::	. ::	::	33,355 1 5 169 17 4 5,282 16 3		6,708 1 2				
Sales	;	:	:	:	:	38,807 15 0 122 6 5		7,473 6 10 143 13 6			- 	
Depreciation	· :	;	:	:	:	38,685 8 7 4,010 13 1	<u>.</u>	7,329 13 4 1,002 14 9				
Less provisionally written off	:	;	:	:	:	34,674 15 6 1,067 2 6	33 607 13 0	6,326 18 7	8 256 18 7			30 934 11 7
Buildings at mine— Balance at 31st March, 1928 Additions during the year	::	: :	::	::	::	4,126 15 5		1,204 9 4 726 3 8		479 17 3		
Depreciation	:	:	:	:	:	4,271 3 0 314 17 0		1,930 13 0 106 11 7		479 17 3		
Less provisionally written off	:	:	:	:	:	3,956 6 0	3,956 6 0	1,824 1 5 80 15 0	1,743 6 5	479 17 3	479 17 3	6,179 9 8
Carried forward	:	į	:	;	;		97,764 14 1		45,497 11 6	1 36	83,696 0 0	226,958 5 7

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES-continued.

STATEMENT OF COLLIERY PROPERTY ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1929-continued.

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Cottages at mine—				6 2 2 4						
Balance at 31st March, 1928	:	:	:	4,319 19 7		:		1,964 15 6		
Additions during the year	:	:	:	32 19 11		:		:		
Transfer from Development and Property Account	:	:	:	1,189 13 6		:	_	:		
			1	0 0 0 0			1	0 41 700 1		
Town of the section of the section of the section of				5,042 13 0		:		1,964 15 6		
Less sales and recoveries during the year	:	:	:			: !		S 8 60		
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			1		4,830 0 0 0			38.1	895 6 9	6.745 6 9
Plantation at mine—							-			
Balance at 31st March, 1928	:	;	:	1,492 19 0		:		910 5 5		
Additions during the year	:	;	:	:		:				
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Coal (stock on hand at mine, wharf, and affoat)		:	:	,	1,464 6 10	550	0 7 1			5.014 13 11
Stores (stock on hand)	:	:	:	9,427 0 1		:	-			
Less provisionally written off	:	:	:	161 0 8		:				
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			-	£117,837 19	7 19 4	£46,047 I8	7 18 7	£86,501 12	63	£250,387 10 1

STATEMENT OF DEPOT PROPERTY ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1929.

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Depot Property Account————————————————————————————————————	: ;	::			::	£ s. d. 11,024 19 0 31 0 5	ਹ ਹ ਦ	£ s. d. 4,406 16 7 1,855 15 6	ક. ક.	£ s. d. £ 1,038 15 4 28 14 8	s. d.	₽ s. d.
Depreciation	:	:	:	:	:	11,055 19 5		6,262 12 1 549 14 9	•	1,067 10 0		
Less provisionally written off	:	:	:	:	:	10,340 3 5		5,712 17 4		920 17 5		
Stocks and stores on hand Less provisionally written off	: .	: .	:	:	: :	4,578 12 0	. 6 & U+6,01	9,721 2 3	9,112 11 4	777 16 7	WI 66 184	16,969 14 2
	:	;	:	:	:		1,405 10 7		8,698 3 5	۱ ۰	742 6 10	13,846 0 10
						41	£14,745 14 0	भ	£14,411 0 9	69,13	£1,659 0 3	£30,815 15 0

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GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1929.

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NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—continued.

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State Coal-mines Office, Wellington, 16th July, 1929.
A. W. GYLES, A.I.A.N.Z., Accountant.

I hereby certify that the attached Working and Profit and Loss Accounts of Depots and Collieries, General Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby, except that in the opinion of the Audit Office interest on capital expenditure on the unopened MacDonald Colliery should be charged to General Profit and Loss Account instead of being capitalized, as development was sufficiently completed several years ago.—G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Controller and Auditor-General.

Minister of Mines.

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NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES—continued.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1929.

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Rece	ipts.			Payments.
To Cash in Public Account at	£ s.	d. £	s. d.	By James Colliery— £ s. d. £ s. d.
31st March, 1928		22,097	16 8	Property and development 1,697 14 1
Proceeds sale of coal, &c	289,112 17	2		Machinery, plant, and rolling-
Recoveries, refunds, &c	7,641 3	8		stock
		296,754	0.10	Electrification 637 9 11
Contracts—Deposits			0 0	Wages 21,408 14 10
Interest			14 4	Special rate 245 13 6
Dishonoured cheques recredited			1 11	Coal purchased 127 19 6
			4 0	Subsidized bus-fares 349 7 6
Repayment of housing loans	• •	020	+ 0	Power
	•			10wei 244 5 0
				Liverpool Colliery—
				Property and development. 498 9 4
				Machinery, plant, and rolling-
				stock 82 12 0
				Buildings 54 17 11
				Cottages 17 4 0
				Stores and materials 32,413 13 10
				Wages 74,677 18 5
				Special rate
				Railway tickets 1,997 9 9
				Coal purchased 277 13 0
				110,769 3 3
				MacDonald Colliery—
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				Wellington Depot Account 16,238 16 7
				Christchurch Depot Account 36,169 0 1
	•			Wanganui Depot Account 4,123 16 2
				Coal purchased on account of
				depots (Suspense Account) 4,053 16 1
				60,585 8 11
				Superannuation Fund subsidy 173 0 2
				Management and office salaries 6,168 19 10
				Interest 9,101 19 2
				Travelling-expenses 192 2 3
				Printing and stationery 216 8 4
				Repairs and maintenance 4,061 11 5
				Wharfage 2,984 15 6
				Railway haulage
				Marine freights
				Compensation 4,944 5 10
				Coal-miners' Relief Fund 360 14 1
				General expenses \dots 1,053 7 6
				Investments—General 18,500 0 0
				Sinking Fund instalment 4,573 7 10
				Audit fees 115 0 0
				Contracts—Refunds 35 0 0
				Cheques dishonoured 191 1 11
				117,678 8 7
				Cash in Public Account at

Cash in Public Account at 31st March, 1929 ...

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NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES-continued.

Table showing the Position of the State Coal-mines Account from Inception to 31st March, 1929.

Name of Works.	Total Capital Expenditure.	Total Amoun Depreciation written off	n	Assets as per Balance-sheet, 1929.	Net Profits.	Net Losses.	Liabilities as per Balance-sheet, 1929.
Point Elizabeth Colliery Less sales and loss by fire	£ s. d. 98,210 9 0 2,291 6 11	£ s.	d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Liverpool Colliery	95,919 2 1 298,570 4 8	95,919 2	1		147,583 4 11	••	••
Less sales and loss by fire, &c.	3,644 13 3 294,925 11 5	190,817 18	4	104,107 13 1	66,276 17 4	••	10,081 4 4
Seddonville Colliery Less sales	38,243 2 5 548 17 0						
Briquette-works property Less sales of plant	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	37,694 5	5	••	••	37,451 12 1	• •
-	14,068 17 6	14,068 17	6	••	••	22,660 18 10	
Prospecting on State Coal Reserve	113 11 10	••		113 11 10	••	••	
Plant, buildings, &c., on hire Charming Creek prospecting	$\begin{array}{ c cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1,137 3 5,956 18		3,626 2 4	61 13 6	 5,954 11 8	
James Colliery Less sales and transfers, &c.	66,628 0 6 475 14 6						
	66,152 6 0	20,654 14	6	45,497 11 6	••	221 3 0	4,668 19 4
MacDonald Colliery	89,481 18 11	2,980 6	5 9	86,501 12 2	••	2,859 11 4	
Wellington Depot property Less sales and transfers	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	7,702 8) 1)	10,340 3 5		4,120 0 9	1 055 16 5
Christchurch Depot property Less sales and loss on horses,	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1,102 6) ә	10,340 3 3	••	4,120 0 9	1,275 16 8
&c.	13,044 5 1	7,331 7	7 9	5,712 17 4	7,621 13 6		2,306 7 4
Wanganui Depot property Less sales and loss on horses, &c.	3,731 15 3 174 12 5						
	3,557 2 10	2,640 9	5	916 13 5		740 3 4	159 4 (
Dunedin Depot property Less sale of plant	2,023 3 7 641 10 0						
	1,381 13 7	1,381 13	3 7	••	••	4,248 3 5	• •
Hulks property Less sales	4,033 15 5 1,948 17 0	0.004.10	0 =		1 700 10 11		
Office furniture Less sales	$\begin{array}{r rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	2,084 18	s 5	••	1,786 12 11	••	,,
Less sales	172 8 9	172	8 9			172 8 9	
Grand total Less losses and sales	660,285 7 2 12,926 14 10	-					
	647,358 12 4	390,542	7 3	256,816 5 1			
Royalties (from 1/4/28 only) Interest on investments	•••				$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	•••	
Cash lost (highway robbery)	•••			• • •	••	89 0 1	-
Totals, profit and loss Balance, profits over losses	• •	• •			241,835 2 7	78,517 13 3 163,317 9 4	-
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NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL-MINES-continued.

Table showing the Position of the State Coal-mines Account from Inception to 31st March, 1929—continued.

Name of Works.	Total Capital Expenditure.	Total Amount of Depreciation written off.	Assets as per Balance-sheet, 1929.	Net Profits.	Net Losses.	Liabilities as per Balance-sheet, 1929.	
Brought forward Stocks on hand less provision-	€ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 256,816 5 1 28,126 14 2	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 18,491 11 3	
ally written off	• •	••	20,120 14 2	••			
Investments (ordinary)			32,800 0 0	••	••		
Interest on investments accrued			323 15 11		• •		
Sinking Fund investments		• •	4,854 4 7	•••	• •		
Sundry debtors	• •		28,216 10 2	••	• •	• • •	
Cash in Public Account	• •		5,672 1 3	• •	• •		
Cash in Receiver-General's Deposit Account	• •		1,075 0 0	••	• •	••	
Housing advances to workmen and accrued interest	• •	• •	5,916 6 1		••	••	
Loan Account	••					162,601 0 7	
Bad-debts Reserve						812 11 7	
Interest due and unpaid and accrued interest payable on	• •				••	3,790 6 6	
loan capital				į		4,854 4 7	
Sinking Fund	• •	••		••	• •	164,226 12 3	
General Profit and Loss Account	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	••	•••	••	••	4,695 4 8	
Deposits on contracts	• •	::		::	•••	1,025 0 0	
Accident Insurance Reserve	••			••	••	3,304 5 10	
			£363,800 17 3			£363,800 17 3	

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