

APPENDICES TO THE MINES STATEMENT.

APPENDIX A.

REPORTS RELATING TO METALLIFEROUS MINES AND STONE - QUARRIES.

The INSPECTING ENGINEER OF MINES to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES.

SIR,—

Wellington, 2nd July, 1931.

I have the honour to present my report on metalliferous mines and stone-quarries, together with statistical information, for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

In accordance with the usual practice, the tables showing expenditure on roads, bridges, tracks, prospecting operations, &c., are for the period covered by the financial year—viz., from the 1st April, 1930, to the 31st March, 1931.

The reports, &c., are divided into the following sections: I. Minerals produced and exported. II. Persons employed. III. Accidents. IV. Gold-mining—(1) Quartz-mining; (2) Dredge Mining; (3) Alluvial Mining. V. Minerals other than Gold. VI. Stone-quarry Inspection and Statistics. VII. State Aid to Mining—(1) Subsidized Prospecting; (2) Government Prospecting-drills; (3) Subsidized Roads on Goldfields.

Annexures: (A) Summary of Reports by Inspectors of Mines. (B) Summary of Report by Inspector of Quarries. (C) Mining Statistics.

I. MINERALS PRODUCED AND EXPORTED.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metal-mines and of the value of the production from stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act during 1930 and 1929 :—

Mineral.	1930.		1929.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver (estimated)	Oz. dwt. 639,795 0	£ 550,978	Oz. 571,320	£ 527,340
Platinum	2 10	16	7	36
	Tons cwt.		Tons cwt.	
Tungsten-ore	23 13	1,207	22 13	2,613
Iron	8,075 0	40,375	4,393 0	21,965
Stone	413,291	..	479,199
Pumice	2,559 0	8,472	2,242 0	8,298
Sulphur	849 0	13,261	967 0	13,918
Silica-sand	53 19	27	318 0	159
Quicksilver	1 16	1,080
Totals	1,028,707	..	1,053,528

The following statement shows the value of New Zealand minerals (other than coal and coke) and allied substances exported from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1930 :—

	1930.	1929.	Increase or Decrease.	Total from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1930.
	£	£	£	£
Gold	550,678	480,212	Inc. 70,466	94,458,512
Silver	44,534	41,475	„ 3,059	3,189,674
Tungsten-ore	1,469	3,468	Dec. 1,999	311,209
Kauri-gum	189,635	267,610	„ 77,975	22,831,767
Pig iron	29	..	Inc. 29	6,615
Quicksilver	1,188	..	„ 1,188	9,524
Manganese-ore	5	..	„ 5	62,011
Sand, lime, and building-stone	9,265	8,842	„ 423 }	492,325
Other minerals	172	210	Dec. 38 }	
Totals	796,975	801,817	Dec. 4,842	121,361,637