1931. NEW ZEALAND.

STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORT ON THE WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1931.

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,—

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the workings of the State Coal-mines for the year ended 31st March, 1931.

LIVERPOOL COLLIERY.

Coal-winning.—The gross total output for the year was 131,102 tons 11 cwt., a reduction of 10,317 tons 17 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 133,195 tons 7 cwt. 1 qr., which is accounted for as follows:—

		Screened.	Unscreened.	Small.	Total.
		Tons cwt. gr.	Tons ewt. qr.	Tons ewt. gr.	Tons ewt. qr.
Export		13,192 5 0	$35,120 \ 15 \ 0$	30,355 6 0	78,668 6 0
Rail to Canterbury		9,124 17 1	12,489 18 2	$12,870 \ 15 \ 2$	34,485 11 1
Local sales		5,048 11 3	500 2 2	3,747 16 3	$9,296\ 11\ 0$
Mine sales		6 0 0	$22 \ 10 \ 0$		28 10 0
Sold to workmen and issues	free	• •	1,999 10 0	••	1,999 10 0
Stock in bin			2,082 11 0	400 0 0	2,482 11 0
Stock on wharf		273 19 0	235 4 0	52 14 0	561 17 0
		27,645 13 0	52,450 11 0	47,426 12 1	127,522 16 1
Used on works			4,644 1 0		4,644 1 0
Waste		• •	1,028 10 0	• •	1,028 10 0
Totals		27,645 13 0	58,123 2 0	47,426 12 1	133,195 7 1

The gross total output from this colliery since its inception amounts to 2,196,842 tons 16 cwt. 1—C. 2A.