

APPENDIX B.

REPORTS RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF COAL-MINES.

THE INSPECTING ENGINEER AND CHIEF INSPECTOR OF COAL-MINES to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES.

SIR,—

Wellington, 12th September, 1932.

I have the honour to present my annual report, together with statistical information, in regard to coal-mines of the Dominion for the year ended 31st December, 1931, in accordance with section 42 of the Coal-mines Act, 1925. The report is divided into the following sections :—

I. Output.

II. Persons employed.

III. Accidents.

IV. Working of the Coal-mines Act—(a) Permitted Explosives; (b) List of Mines required by Law to use Permitted Explosives; (c) List of Mines required by Law to use Safety-lamps; (d) Dangerous Occurrences; (e) Electricity at Collieries; (f) Prosecutions.

V. Legislation affecting Coal-mining.

Annexures—

A. Summary of Annual Reports by Inspectors of Mines. B. Colliery Statistics.

SECTION I.—OUTPUT.

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

Class of Coal.	Output of Coal during 1931.				Total Output to the End of 1931.
	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Totals.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and sub-bituminous	129,725	849,911	..	979,636	45,548,721
Brown .. .. .	705,174	39,824	324,751	1,069,749	25,900,980
Lignite .. .. .	..	759	107,612	108,371	4,548,846
Totals for 1931 ..	834,899	890,494	432,363	2,157,756	75,998,547
Totals for 1930 ..	766,312	1,286,071	489,709	2,542,092	73,840,791

The following is a table showing the annual production of coal and the quantity of coal imported since 1911 :—

Year.	Coal produced.	Coal imported.	Total Quantity of Coal produced and imported.	Year.	Coal produced.	Coal imported.	Total Quantity of Coal produced and imported.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1911 ..	2,066,073	188,068	2,254,141	1922 ..	1,857,819	501,478	2,359,297
1912 ..	2,177,615	364,359	2,541,974	1923 ..	1,969,834	445,792	2,415,626
1913 ..	1,888,005	468,940	2,356,945	1924 ..	2,083,207	674,483	2,757,690
1914 ..	2,275,614*	518,070	2,793,684*	1925 ..	2,114,995	572,573	2,687,568
1915 ..	2,208,624	353,471	2,562,095	1926 ..	2,239,999	483,918	2,723,917
1916 ..	2,257,135	293,956	2,551,091	1927 ..	2,366,740	378,090	2,744,830
1917 ..	2,068,419	291,597	2,360,016	1928 ..	2,436,753	247,861	2,684,614
1918 ..	2,034,250	255,332	2,289,582	1929 ..	2,535,864	215,656	2,751,520
1919 ..	1,847,848	391,434	2,239,282	1930 ..	2,542,092	157,943	2,700,035
1920 ..	1,843,705	476,343	2,320,048	1931 ..	2,157,756	179,060	2,336,816
1921 ..	1,809,095	822,459	2,631,554				

\* Includes 21 tons shale.