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NEW ZEALAND.

STATE COAL-MINES

(REPORT ON THE WORKING OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1932.

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,—

12th April, 1932.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the workings of the State Coal-mines for the year ended 31st March, 1932.

LIVERPOOL COLLIERY.

Coal-winning.—The gross total output for the year was 120,560 tons 18 cwt., a reduction of 10,541 tons 13 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 117,604 tons 8 cwt., which is accounted for as follows:—

—	Screened.			Unscreened.			Small.			Total.		
	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Export	11,241	6	0	24,031	7	0	29,127	15	0	64,400	8	0
Rail to Canterbury	10,334	11	3	9,460	11	0	17,756	10	0	37,551	12	3
Local sales	5,395	4	3	535	3	0	2,999	12	3	8,930	0	2
Mine sales .. ..	..	..	..	17	0	0	..	..	..	17	0	0
Sales to workmen and free issues .. ..	..	..	..	1,978	8	0	..	..	..	1,978	8	0
Stock in bin .. ..	..	..	..	3,877	11	3	400	0	0	4,277	11	3
Stock on wharf	206	16	0	57	16	0	184	15	0	449	7	0
	27,177	18	2	39,957	16	3	50,468	12	3	117,604	8	0
Used on works .. ..	..	..	..	5,016	0	0	..	..	..	5,016	0	0
Waste .. ..	..	..	..	984	18	0	..	..	..	984	18	0
Totals	27,177	18	2	45,958	14	3	50,468	12	3	123,605	6	0

The gross total output from this colliery since its inception amounts to 2,317,403 tons 14 cwt.

Days worked.—During the year the colliery worked on 172 days. The possible working-days, excluding union holidays and pay Saturdays, were 279. The difference between those worked and the possible working-days is accounted for as follows: Lack of orders, 65; dispute between Miners' and Engine-drivers' unions, 10; stop-work meeting, 1; demonstration at Blackball, 1; stop-work meeting over tribute mining, 1; stoppage over reduction in wages, 2; heavy rainfall, 1; back Saturdays, 26: total, 107.

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, 118; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 138. On the surface—70 men and 30 boys. In addition to the above, an average of 5 men were employed on development work.

Expenditure.—The total expenditure in connection with coal-winning for wages, stores, mine-timber, and compensation, together with subsidies on railway tickets and cost of fuel used on works, amounted to £88,330 16s. 11d., as compared with £102,470 17s. 4d. for the previous year. In addition, £3,574 10s. was expended on development work, comprising the drainage-adit, concrete wall at the bins, and drill-store at Dunollie.