

The following is a table showing the number of quarries under the Stone-quarries Act, also the number of persons ordinarily employed thereat, and the annual output and value of crude stone during 1933 :—

Provincial District.	Name and Address of Government Inspector of Stone-quarries.	Number of Working Quarries under the Act.	Number of Persons ordinarily employed.	Output of Stone.							
				Stone or Gravel for Macadamizing or Ballast.	Stone for Harbour-works.	Building or Monumental Stone.	Limestone for Agriculture.	Limestone for Cement or Mortar.	Phosphate for Agriculture.	Miscellaneous.	Value at Quarry.
Auckland ..	James Newton, Mines Dept., Auckland	171	901	Tons. 301,783	Tons. ..	Tons. 700	Tons. 69,071	Tons. 83,746	Tons. ..	Tons. 756	£ 73,726
	J. F. Downey, Mines Dept., Waihi (Hauraki Mining District only)	13	63	45,984	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,209
Hawke's Bay	James Newton, Mines Dept., Auckland	32	120	26,397	..	..	16,834	..	..	..	8,228
Taranaki ..	Ditto	16	97	17,310	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,984
Wellington..	„	30	123	49,401	..	..	..	428	..	4,000	10,544
Nelson ..	E. J. Scoble, Mines Dept., Reefton	20	139	48,956	10,883	..	5,452	22,151	..	13,065	16,670
Westland ..											
Marlborough	T. McMillan, Mines Dept., Dunedin	37	268	132,092	47,860	1,294	100,531	30,714	..	..	73,120
Canterbury..											
Otago ..											
Southland ..											
Totals, 1933	..	319	1,711	621,923	58,743	1,994	191,888	137,039	..	17,821	196,481
Totals, 1932	..	332	1,888	714,732	86,240	884	201,735	151,100	..	5,020	241,920

There were 177 fewer men employed than during the previous year, with a decrease in the value of the stone produced of £45,439.

QUARRY ACCIDENTS.

The following is a summary of serious accidents during 1933 at quarries under the Stone-quarries Act :—

Cause.							Number of Accidents.		Number of Sufferers.	
							Fatal.	Serious.	Killed.	Seriously injured.
Haulage
Machinery
Explosives
Falls of ground	1	..	1
Miscellaneous	5	..	5
Totals	6	..	6

Accounts of the accidents are given in the District Inspectors' reports attached hereto.

VII. STATE AID TO MINING.

(1) SUBSIDIZED PROSPECTING.

Upon subsidized prospecting operations 190 persons were intermittently employed during the year.

The following is a statement showing the results of prospecting operations as reported by the Inspectors of Mines :—