

## CHAPTER XIV

### THE SCOTTISH COALFIELD

THE Scottish coalfield extends over five counties, and its output is about 15 per cent. of that of the United Kingdom. Many varieties of coal are produced, and the trade embraces the Scottish and certain foreign markets as well. The district which contains the principal source of output is Lanarkshire, and the adjoining counties of Linlithgow, Stirling, Renfrew and Dumbarton, which together produce about half of the total. But in late years Lanarkshire has not shown a relative increase alongside the Fifeshire district. In comparison with the developments of the English and Welsh coalfields it cannot be said that Scotland as a whole has taken a place commensurate with her enterprise in shipbuilding and engineering. The following table shows the output in tons of the various districts in the years 1913, 1916 and 1925.

	1913.	1916.	1925.
Fife & Clackmannan, Kinross & Sutherland . . . .	10,130,000	7,730,000	7,662,000
Lothians (Mid & East) . . . .	4,320,000	3,540,000	4,253,000
Lanarkshire, Linlithgow, Stirling, Renfrew & Dumbarton	23,310,000	20,490,000	16,994,000
Ayrshire, Dumfries & Argyll . .	4,690,000	4,340,000	4,120,000
Total: Scotland . . . .	42,450,000	36,100,000	33,029,000
Great Britain . . . .	287,348,000	256,286,000	243,178,000

A great part of the output is produced by limited companies, some of which are referred to in these pages as makers of iron and steel.