

19. He stated his business was more as a prospector?—I say, as a practical digger myself, I have known him as a prospector for gold.

20. Has he been in the habit of working in the claims when he has found them?—I know one he struck in the Bendigo Gully, and where my engine was put. He left it and went somewhere else prospecting. He seemed to have a mania for prospecting.

21. Without any reward?—Yes, without any reward.

22. It has been stated that he was swindled out of claims?—I believe some litigation took place about a reef of his; that I learned from hear-say.

23. *Mr. Bastings.*] Can you mention any other minerals he has found besides gold?—I cannot say.

24. He states in his petition that he knows of the existence of a lot of minerals in that district. Are there any other minerals in that district that you know of?—I have got cinnibar in the Lammerlaw Ranges, and I have also found fine specimens of copper, that I brought here with me, and am taking home to England.

Mr. H. MACE, in attendance and examined.

25. *The Chairman.*] Where do you reside, Mr. Mace?—In Wellington; formerly in Arrowtown.

26. Mr. Moore claims to have discovered quartz reefs at the Carrick Ranges, and the goldfield at Macetown; quartz reefs at Macetown, and gold in the bed of the Molyneaux. Can you tell the Committee whether or not, within your knowledge, he made any such discovery?—I believe he made discoveries of quartz reefs at Macetown, but I do not know anything of the Molyneaux or Carrick. I know he had a tail-race at Arrowtown, and was near getting drowned one night. He lost his mate, and his tent was swept down at the time of the large flood; but he managed to escape himself. That was in 1862, as near as I can remember.

27. Did he discover goldfields at Arrowtown?—Not goldfields, but quartz reefs at Macetown. The gold had all the symptoms of quartz. All the gold got at first there was impregnated with quartz. It was generally supposed there were reefs there; but it was such a rough country, and in those times he was the only man that went prospecting reefs.

28. Do you know whether or not he took up special claims?—I do not know.

29. A prospector is entitled to mark off a prospecting claim, is he not?—Of course, he is.

30. There is no difficulty about that, is there?—Not the slightest, according to the Mining Regulations.

31. Is not the privilege given to a prospector double the ordinary area?—It is in some instances.

32. With regard to quartz reefs, is it not double the length on the reef?—I think so; double ground.

33. Do you know of any other gold that Moore discovered in any other fields?—No; I do not.

34. Has he always made his discoveries public?—Oh yes! There is no doubt about that.

35. Do you think he has any special knowledge more than the general run of miners?—Well, I do not know; he must have had very good knowledge, or he never would have found the reefs. Many hundreds of people travelled over the ground between Macetown and Shotover, and he was the first man who discovered the reefs.

36. He makes a very large claim, I may tell you, to have special knowledge with regard to reefs?—I did not know that.

37. *Mr. Wason.*] What has been the value generally to the district of Mr. Moore's discovery of reefs at Macetown?—I think it is a very important discovery, because it is very hard to say where it will end. As it is a reefing district, it may be perhaps twenty, or thirty, or fifty years after this when you will know its full value. I consider it is almost inexhaustible.

38. *Mr. Reeves.*] How many batteries are there?—I do not know at the present time. It costs a large amount of money to get machinery.

39. *Mr. Joyce.*] Was Mr. Moore the first man who discovered those quartz reefs?—He was the first to bring specimens down.

40. What year was that?—I think '62 or '63; I fancy in 1863.

41. *Mr. J. C. Brown.*] Are those reefs at work now?—Yes; and plenty of people in this town have got shares.

42. *Mr. Reeves.*] They are running over 20zs., are they not?—Yes; very rich specimens were got there at first, and anyone who understood anything about goldmining knew that they came from a reef.

43. *Mr. Wason.*] Can you explain how it was that he reaped no reward from that discovery?—He was running about trying to find something better.

44. *Mr. J. C. Brown.*] Do you know of any other locality he prospected with any results?—I heard the Carrick ranges.

45. You do not know of your own knowledge?—It is only what I have heard.

46. Were you at the Arrowtown at the time of these discoveries?—Yes.

Mr. D. J. MOORE, in attendance and examined.

47. *The Chairman.*] What goldfield do you claim to have discovered first in Otago?—I would say Carrick Range. That was the first I laid claim to. There were others at Bendigo Gully prospecting at the time I went there. I don't ask anything for them. I know there was no rush to the district until sometime after I went there.

48. Then you claim to have discovered Carrick first?—The Carrick first. I opened Bendigo Gully, on the Rough Ridge, in 1862. I never mentioned that in my petition, because I do not look upon that as of a lasting character; but I look upon quartz reefs as of a lasting character, and a great benefit to the country.

49. You claim to have discovered Macetown?—I do.

50. And Molyneaux?—I traced it to the river-bed, and I traced the gold crossing the river from the ranges. I set the dredge-owners on it.