

The following list shows the claims held in this district :—

ABSTRACT of LICENSES for SPECIAL CLAIMS and LICENSED HOLDINGS issued from the Warden's Office at Te Aroha, in the Hauraki Mining District, and registered on or before the 31st March, 1899, in the Books of the Mining Registrar at Te Aroha.

Date of License.	Area.	Locality.	Block.	Survey District.	Name of Claim.	Name of Registered Owner.
1/6/95	A. R. P. 26 2 32	Waiorongomai	X.	Aroha ..	New Find No. 1 ..	Aroha Gold-mines (Ltd.).
1/6/95	10 1 2	"	"	" ..	New Find No. 2 ..	"
28/6/95	28 1 25	"	"	" ..	Loyalty Palace ..	P. Snewin.
26/9/95	20 0 0	Te Aroha ..	IX.	" ..	Mount Morgan ..	J. Williams.
25/10/95	10 2 34	Waiorongomai	XII.	" ..	Welcome ..	R. Burke.
13/11/95	100 0 0	"	X.	" ..	Empire ..	Aroha Gold-mines (Ltd.).
10/1/96	49 1 20	Te Aroha ..	XI.	Katikati	" ..	"
1/2/96	43 2 23	Tui ..	IX.	Aroha ..	Montezuma ..	J. Williams.
29/6/96	94 0 0	Waiorongomai	X.	" ..	Day Dawn ..	J. A. Pond.
			"	" ..	New Munster ..	New Munster Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
29/4/96	94 0 9	Tui ..	IX.	" ..	Waitara.. ..	J. Wallace.
16/10/96	100 0 0	" ..	IX., X.	" ..	Merchant of Venice ..	R. Kelly.
16/10/96	100 0 0	" ..	"	" ..	Gipsy King ..	A. E. Langley.
20/10/96	99 1 21	" ..	IX.	" ..	Te Aroha ..	R. Dovell.
24/10/96	99 0 17	" ..	X.	" ..	Grand Result ..	T. McIndoe.
30/11/96	46 3 32	" ..	V., IX.	" ..	Te Aro Extended..	R. Dovell.
30/11/96	99 0 0	" ..	X.	" ..	Mount Ryan ..	W. Shaw.
11/12/96	27 2 0	" ..	"	" ..	Manchester ..	A. A. Lockwood.
13/1/97	100 0 0	Tui ..	"	" ..	Waitara Extended	A. B. Millar.
13/1/97	96 0 4	" ..	IX., X.	" ..	Ethel Reef ..	Ethel Reefs Gold-mining Co.
21/1/97	19 1 0	" ..	X.	" ..	Ballarat.. ..	C. J. Sanderson.
22/3/97	79 2 0	" ..	"	" ..	Ajax ..	R. Lohest.
22/3/97	99 2 16	" ..	"	" ..	Ajax Extended ..	"
22/3/97	98 1 6	Tui ..	"	" ..	Tui ..	Tui Gold-mines (Ltd.).
10/5/97	27 0 15	" ..	"	" ..	Edendale ..	J. Campbell.
26/6/97	99 0 0	Tui ..	X.	Aroha ..	Mount Ryan Ext.	W. Shaw.
24/3/98	78 1 34	Waiorongomai	XII.	" ..	Cadman ..	J. Mills.
24/3/98	30 2 0	" ..	"	" ..	Montezuma Ext.	J. Campbell.
13/5/98	28 1 8	Tui ..	X.	Aroha ..	Puakaka ..	Montezuma Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
10/1/99	96 1 2	Te Aroha ..	IX.	" ..	Hot Springs ..	Daniel Redwood.
10/1/99	53 2 12	" ..	"	" ..	Golden Crown ..	"
27/1/99	4 3 19	" ..	"	" ..	Golden Lead ..	A. W. Edwards.

*Montezuma Mine* (Area, 179 acres; owner, The Twentieth Century Gold-mining Company; mine-manager, Hubert A. Clapezzouli).—The reefs have been proved by cross-cuts for some 10 or 12 chains, and levels put in along the lines of reef in preparation for stoping, and a fair quantity of ore is available. There are three reefs in the ground, from 2 ft. 6 in. to 6 ft. in width, and consisting of mineralised quartz, encased in andesite country. An aerial tram and ground tramway to connect with the mill cost £800. The mill machinery consists of one 30-horse-power gas-engine; one 5-horse-power steam-engine; one Merrill's mill, capacity 40 tons; one Lockwood and Nicholson's pan, capacity 8 tons; one Triumph ore-concentrator; one thermo-hyperphoric furnace, capacity 30 tons; one Dodge stone-breaker, 4 tons per hour: the whole valued at £7,500. The mill was worked experimentally for fifty days; 307 tons of quartz were dealt with, some being treated and amalgamated, some concentrated raw, and concentrate treated. Some of the ore was worth 12s. 6d. per ton, and some of greater value. The total value of the bullion extracted was £191 15s., the price per ounce being from 5s. to 10s. An average number of twelve men were employed during the year. The Rev. Joseph Campbell, who has the control and management of this property, has afforded the following information, under date of 10th April, about the company and mine :—

"In March the company went into voluntary liquidation, owing to differences of opinion between the managing director and the company's representative director sent out from London to report on the property. Although his estimate of the value of ore was £1 10s. to £1 16s. per ton, bulk assays giving £2 16s., he condemned the property, and the company declined to subscribe an additional sum of £3,000, required for further developing the property and completing the plant, when it was decided to go into liquidation. The whole concern was purchased by the New South Wales shareholders, who did not agree with the action of the London directorate, and the necessary work is now being carried out under the direction and personal supervision of the Rev. Joseph Campbell, who is satisfied, after the full test made with various classes of ore, that from 80 to 95 per cent. of the value of any refractory ore in New Zealand can be saved by his thermo-hyperphoric system. In three months everything will be ready for a start under the new company, which is styled 'The Twentieth Century Gold-mining Company (Limited).'

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*Empire and New Find Claims* (Area, 126 acres 2 roods 32 perches; mine-manager, Arthur Marsh).—Very little work was done in the beginning of the year, but since that time Mr. E. H. Hardy, who has taken an option over the properties and battery, has made preparations and again opened up the mine. About 200 tons of quartz is broken and ready to be operated on, which it is believed will give profitable results. The county tramway has been put in repair, and is now in good working-order. Twelve men were employed.