

## QUARTZ-MINING.

During the year a considerable amount of development-work has been in progress in the several mining districts of the North and Middle Islands. Ground has in several instances been well tested and opened up, and machinery erected on a fairly extensive scale at some of the newer ventures, whilst at several old mines improvements in machinery, &c., have been effected with a view to more efficient and economical working.

In a few instances I have been pleased to note the foresight displayed in well proving the ground before going to the expense of laying down costly plant, and so satisfying the proprietaries of the future character of the undertakings.

Some cases have come under my notice where, if the properties had been handled in a comprehensive manner, and opened out on a fairly extensive scale, splendid results would have been obtained; but, although these same properties have given fairly good returns at times, in spite of being intermittently worked, they are small in comparison to what would have been the case had sufficient capital been employed and the mines opened out and equipped with first-class machinery and gold-saving processes in the first instance. Taken as a whole, this branch of the industry may be said to be on a sound footing, and there is every reason to expect an increase in the output of gold from the quartz-mines of the colony.

The following statement shows the companies operating in New Zealand whose headquarters are outside the colony, together with the nominal amount of their capital:—

Name.	Locality in which Operations are being carried on.	Nominal Share Capital.	London Office.
		£	
Achilles Gold-mines .. .. .	Otago .. ..	92,000	6, Queen Street Place.
Anglo-Continental Gold Syndicate (Limited) .. ..	General .. ..	100,000	Austinfriars, London.
Anglo-New Zealand Mines Investment .. ..	" .. ..	100,000	54 and 55, London Wall.
Apakura Syndicate .. .. .	" .. ..	1,800	10, Bloomfield Street.
Aroha Gold-mines .. .. .	Aroha .. ..	100,000	30 and 31, St. Swithin's Lane.
Australasian Gold Trust .. .. .	Taitapu, Nelson..	500,000	9, St. Mildred's Court, E.C.
Blagrove's Freehold Gold-mining Company .. ..	Coromandel .. ..	62,500	97, Dashwood House, E.C.
Blue Spur and Gabriel's Gully Consolidated Gold-mining Company .. ..	Otago .. ..	130,000	6, Great St. Helen's, E.C.
Britannia (Hauraki) Gold-mining Company .. ..	Coromandel .. ..	100,000	34 and 36, Gresham Street, E.C.
C.N.Z. Syndicate .. .. .	General .. ..	10,000	" .. ..
Collingwood Goldfields .. .. .	Collingwood, Golden Bay .. ..	150,000	46, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.
Colville Company .. .. .	Coromandel .. ..	7,500	7, Drapers' Gardens, E.C.
Consolidated Goldfields of New Zealand .. ..	Reefton .. ..	225,000	11 and 12, Cornhill, E.C.
Coromandel Exploration Syndicate .. .. .	General .. ..	2,000	6, Great St. Helen's.
Cromwell Proprietary .. .. .	" .. ..	100,000	54, Old Broad Street, E.C.
Dolcoath Gold-mining Company (Hauraki Peninsula, New Zealand) .. ..	Coromandel .. ..	150,000	142 and 143, Palmerston Buildings, E.C.
Dual Syndicate .. .. .	General .. ..	10,000	3, Clement's Lane, E.C.
East Hauraki Gold-mining .. .. .	Coromandel .. ..	100,000	Finsbury House.
Ethel Reef Gold-mining Company .. .. .	Te Aroha .. ..	200,000	Dashwood House, E.C.
Fame and Fortune .. .. .	Thames .. ..	50,000	110, Cannon Street.
Finance, Mines, Industries Association .. ..	" .. ..	5,000	" .. ..
Fortuna (Hauraki) Gold-mines .. .. .	Thames .. ..	50,000	3, Laurence Pountney Hill, E.C.
Glenrock Consolidated (Limited) .. .. .	General .. ..	225,003	35, Queen Street, E.C.
Gloucester Gold-mining Company .. .. .	Thames .. ..	120,000	Throgmorton House, E.C.
Golden Blocks .. .. .	Taitapu, Nelson..	100,000	11, Old Broad Street, E.C.
Golden Eclipse Mine (Hauraki) .. .. .	Thames .. ..	75,000	" .. ..
Golden Lead of Hauraki .. .. .	Coromandel .. ..	100,000	Moorgate Court, E.C.
Golden Pah (Hauraki) .. .. .	" .. ..	62,500	97, Dashwood House, E.C.
Goldfields of Hauraki Prospecting Syndicate .. ..	General .. ..	3,000	53, New Broad Street, E.C.
Goldfields of New Zealand .. .. .	" .. ..	100,000	13, St. Helen's Place, E.C.
Gold Trust of New Zealand .. .. .	" .. ..	100	4, Great Winchester Street, E.C.
Good Luck Gold-mines of New Zealand .. ..	" .. ..	75,000	" .. ..
Grey Consolidated .. .. .	Grey .. ..	200,000	15 and 16, George Street, S.W.
Hauraki Associated Gold Reefs .. .. .	Coromandel .. ..	100,000	Winchester House.
Hauraki (Auckland) Goldfields Syndicate .. ..	General .. ..	10,000	36, Basinghall Street, E.C.
Hauraki Development Syndicate .. .. .	Thames .. ..	25,000	" .. ..
Hauraki East .. .. .	General .. ..	150,000	6 and 7, Grocers' Hall Court, E.C.
Hauraki Golden Age Mines .. .. .	Thames .. ..	" .. ..	13 and 14, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
Hauraki Golden Bay Mines .. .. .	General .. ..	150,000	8, Old Jewry, E.C.
Hauraki Gold-mining Company .. .. .	Coromandel .. ..	40,000	97, Dashwood House, E.C.
Hauraki New .. .. .	" .. ..	150,000	3, Princes Street.
Hauraki (New Zealand) Associated Gold-mines .. ..	" .. ..	100,000	" .. ..
Hauraki Peninsula Exploration .. .. .	Thames .. ..	20,000	" .. ..
Hauraki South Gold-mining Company .. .. .	Coromandel .. ..	90,000	7, Great Winchester Street.
Hikutaia Gold Syndicate .. .. .	Ohinemuri .. ..	15,000	Suffolk House, E.C.
Humphrey's Hydraulic Sluicing .. .. .	Humphrey's Gully .. ..	150,000	11, Cornhill, E.C.
Inkerman Combined Gold-mines .. .. .	General .. ..	200,000	15 and 16, George Street, S.W.
Irene (Hauraki) Gold-mine .. .. .	Kuaotunu .. ..	80,000	Dashwood House.
Island Block Gold-mining Company .. .. .	Otago .. ..	60,000	4, Lombard Court, E.C.
J.R. Exploration Syndicate .. .. .	" .. ..	5,000	" .. ..
Kapai-Vermont Gold-mining Company .. .. .	Kuaotunu .. ..	150,000	1, St. Helen's Place, E.C.
Kapanga Gold-mining Company .. .. .	Coromandel .. ..	250,000	97, Dashwood House.
Karaka (Limited) .. .. .	Thames .. ..	150,000	" .. ..
Kathleen Crown .. .. .	Coromandel .. ..	75,000	Dashwood House.
Kathleen Gold-mine .. .. .	" .. ..	75,000	Dashwood House.
Kauri Freehold Gold Estates .. .. .	General .. ..	250,000	6, Drapers' Gardens.
Kawarau Dredging Company .. .. .	Kawarau River, Otago .. ..	15,000	" .. ..
Key of Komata .. .. .	Ohinemuri .. ..	100,000	34 and 36, Gresham Street, E.C.
Komata Exploration Company .. .. .	" .. ..	" .. ..	31, Lombard Street, E.C.
Komata Reefs Gold-mining Company .. .. .	" .. ..	100,000	97, Dashwood House.