

WORKING DREDGES VISITED BY INSPECTOR OF MINES, DUNEDIN.

Name and Situation of Dredge.	Owners.	Dredge-master.	Remarks.
<i>Lawrence.</i>			
Lawrence	Lawrence Gold-dredging Company ..	A. Wakefield ..	Regulations generally well observed; deck planking forward is somewhat rotten, and is to be renewed where required; the pontoons through overloading at the stern have only 5 in. of a freeboard.
Gabriel (late Tuapeka Flat)	Gabriel Gold-dredging Company ..	J. P. Uren ..	The old dredge has been reconstructed, pontoons renewed and enlarged, and dredge is in good working-order; rules complied with except boat, timber for construction of which is on the ground.
Tuapeka	Tuapeka Gold-dredging Company ..	J. Donaldson ..	Everything generally in proper order; hand-rail requires to be extended to the end of tail-boxes.
Golden Rise, Wetherstones	Smyth and party	R. Young ..	Fencing adequate; other rules complied with. The dredge is working half the width of the claim; the other half is being worked by hydraulic-elevating plant, and is saving a larger percentage of gold than the dredge from a given quantity of material treated.
<i>Waitahuna.</i>			
Manuka (late Adam's Flat)	Manuka Gold-dredging Company ..	W. T. McKenzie ..	Not properly started work yet; opening up paddock; rules observed.
McCormac	McCormac and party	W. T. Thomson ..	Generally in good order, and appliances in their proper places; fence required at the main drive, as pointed out to master.
Havelock	Havelock Gold-dredging Company	All appliances required by special rules in good order and in their proper places; fence-rail required at the engine main drive, and the projection of the main shaft in the travelling-way requires to be protected.
Imperial	Imperial Gold-dredging Company ..	George Scott ..	Rules complied with, and dredge in good working-order.
<i>Waipori.</i>			
Golden Point	Golden Point Hydraulic Dredging Company ..	William O'Brien, jun. ..	Claim below Nardoo Creek includes Nardoo Flat. Bought Perry's old dredge at Waitahuna, and removing it to the claim at Waipori. It is proposed to drive machinery by Pelton wheel under hydraulic pressure. The water-pipes will be carried in paddock on small pontoons, an arrangement of universal points will allow the dredge to move freely while working, and the pressure will be continually maintained.
<i>Glenore.</i>			
Gold Bank	Gold Bank Gold-dredging Company ..	A. Thomas ..	Old rules only posted; no boat-hook or light-line in the boat. I noticed one of the crew going ashore by travelling along the elevator while the dredge was working. I drew Mr. Thomas's attention to this, and subsequently wrote requiring him to have the practice discontinued owing to the risk of a serious accident therefrom.
Stirling	Nelson and party	J. Nelson ..	Machinery undergoing repairs, and putting on new screen and elevator.
<i>Miller's Flat.</i>			
Pringle and party ..	Pringle and party	J. Pringle ..	Fencing and appliances in good order; no rules posted.
Golden Gate	Golden Gate Gold-dredging Company ..	D. Ballantyne ..	Dredge and all appliances in excellent order.
Otago	Otago Gold-dredging Company ..	R. Williamson ..	No boat-hooks on board, and rules not posted; dredge undergoing repairs.
<i>Roxburgh.</i>			
Gold Queen	Gold Queen Gold-dredging Company ..	T. H. Gourlay ..	In good order generally; gangway across well too narrow and temporary; no life-belts on board. Secretary written to requiring him to provide proper gangway and life-belts.
<i>Clyde.</i>			
New Alexandra ..	New Alexandra Gold-dredging Company ..	D. McMath ..	Old rules posted, and only one boat provided; bows require to be cleared of timber and fenced. This is a bank claim on the east bank of the river.
Matau	Matau Gold-dredging Company ..	H. Sanders ..	Dredge and boats fully equipped with life-saving appliances; fence required on the outside of the side shoot from the tables; one chain only as fencing round the hull, instead of two chains as required by regulations.
Unity	Unity Gold-dredging Company ..	T. Barry ..	Dredge stopped for repairs; bows require to be fenced; rules well observed. Face of work in the bank 60 ft. deep, of which 20 ft. is below river-level.
Vincent	Vincent Gold-dredging Company ..	James Hewitt ..	Regulations generally well observed; fence required at bows; the fence at stern unsafe, one of the stanchions being broken. The dredge is working on the up-river side of the Clyde Bridge, the after part being immediately under it.