

## WORKING DREDGES VISITED BY INSPECTOR OF MINES—continued.

| Name and Situation of Dredge.                                  | Owners.                                    | Dredge-master.  | Remarks.  |
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| <i>Arthur's Point, Shotover River.</i><br>Arthur's Point .. .. | Arthur's Point Gold-dredging Company       | J. Johnston     | Well to be covered or fenced, and a proper gangway required between the dredge and the bank.  |
| <i>Bannockburn.</i><br>Shepherd's Creek .. ..                  | Shepherd's Creek Gold-dredging Company     | F. Woodhouse    | Low fence required round winch-engines and spur-gearing attached thereto.   |
| <i>Cararona.</i><br>Rolling Stone .. ..                        | Rolling Stone Gold-dredging Company        | J. von Haast    | No life-buoy, light-lines, or boat-hooks; dredge incomplete, and stopped for finishing touches. This dredge was fitted with hand-winch, which caused three slight accidents during the short period she was at work (two months); they are now taken out, and are to be replaced by steam-winch. The former dredge-master (Robinson), while doing something about the spur-gearing, got his arm crushed, and it was subsequently amputated at the shoulder. |
| <i>Livingstone.</i><br>Maerewhenua .. ..                       | Maerewhenua Gold-dredging Company          | C. Milne        | Dredge working, though not completed; three buoys on board, but no boat-hooks or light-lines. The boat, a "flatty," not suitable for river-work.  |
| <i>Waikaka.</i><br>Little Waikaka .. ..                        | Brownlee and party                         | Robert Brownlee | Working-face, 12 ft. to 16 ft.; 4 ft. of clay on top, which is troublesome in the boxes, supply of water being barely sufficient to carry it away. Only one life-buoy aboard; rules observed; pontoons awaiting timber for repairs.   |
| Lillieslief (late Woolshed No. 2)                              | Nicoll and party                           | William Mercer  | Owing to the depth of clay stripping, dredge failed to pay on her former claim, and she has been removed from Drowning Creek and re-erected on a claim near the "Forks."  |
| Waikaka Forks .. ..  | Waikaka Forks Gold-dredging Company        | .. ..           | Repairing and altering; the revolving screen has been taken off and replaced by tail-boxes.   |
| Waikaka Queen .. ..  | Waikaka Queen Gold-dredging Company        | J. Wallace      | All in good order, and special rules complied with; fencing at bows, fly-wheel, and pump-driver required.   |
| Waikaka United .. ..   | Waikaka United Gold-dredging Company       | W. Wilson       | In good order, and appliances in proper place; wheel to be fenced or covered.   |
| Globe .. ..  | Globe Gold-dredging Company                | George Lee      | In good order; alterations are being made for the purpose of increasing the spread of tables and the supply of water for treating the material raised.  |
| Ibbotson's .. ..   | Ibbotson and party                         | J. H. Maslin    | All in good order, and life-buoys, &c., in their proper places.   |
| Premier Waikaka .. ..  | Premier Waikaka Gold-dredging Company      | E. Reed         | Rules complied with, and dredge in good order; rope-drive to be fenced.   |
| Record .. ..   | Record Gold-dredging Company               | A. E. May       | No copy of rules posted; no boat-hooks or light-lines on board; rules posted; the hooks and lines not yet in hand, but the dredge-master proved to me that they were on their way to the dredge.  |
| Pioneer .. ..  | J. R. Perry                                | H. Parsons      | Special rules observed; dredge in good working-order; pontoons have been recently renewed; Lee's tables, which are a modification of the Round Hill Gold-mining Company's tables, have been placed on the dredge, and a spread of 450 ft. is obtained; the water-supply has been increased 20 per cent., and the dredge-master informs me that 10 per cent. more gold is taken from the ground than formerly.   |
| Patterson's Freehold .. ..                                     | Patterson's Freehold Gold-dredging Company | J. M. Walker    | Rules well observed, and dredge in good working-order.  |
| Gleniti .. ..  | Gleniti Gold-dredging Company              | A. Rennie       | Only one buoy on board, and no boat-hooks or light-lines at bow or stern.   |
| <i>Waikaka.</i><br>Dome Creek .. ..                            | Dome Creek Gold-dredging Company           | W. H. Kitto     | Generally in good order; regulations complied with; rope-drive to be fenced.  |
| Nugget .. ..   | Nugget Gold-dredging Company               | .. ..           | No one about; dredge closed down meantime; ladder too short and unable to bottom.   |
| <i>Charlton.</i><br>Charlton Creek .. ..                       | Charlton Creek Gold-dredging Company       | F. Bennett      | Dredge and appliances in good order.  |