

DISTRICT OF REEFTON COURT.

From the opening of the district to the 31st March last 878,901 tons of quartz has been crushed, from which 571,767 oz. of gold has been obtained, representing a value of £2,246,579, out of which £676,718 has been distributed in dividends. The total amount of alluvial gold for the same period is approximately estimated at 143,268 oz., representing a value of £533,701. The total production of the district is, as far as can be ascertained, 715,035 oz. of gold, of a value of £2,780,280.

I submit the following table showing the calls made, dividends declared, &c., by the various companies in the district during the year:—

Gold Returns, &c.

Company.	Calls.			Dividends.	Quartz crushed.	Yield of Gold.	Value.		
	£	s.	d.	£	Tons.	Oz. dwt. gr.	£	s.	d.
Progress Mines .. .. .	..	..	..	27,500	54,189	20,547 12 20	84,282	15	7
Consolidated Goldfields of New Zealand:									
Golden Fleece .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5,628	3,629 13 15	13,465	7	11
Wealth of Nations .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5,058	2,028 6 13	7,540	6	11
Big River	2,400	0	0	..	243	167 17 0	679	1	11
Golden Lead	513	4	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lord Edward	100	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Scotia	1,800	0	0	..	*	393 1 18	1,269	2	2
No. 2 Big River	50	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Snowy Creek United	794	11	8	..	139	46 15 23	173	16	0
Keep-it-Dark .. .. .	..	..	..	5,000	11,962	2,715 12 12	10,766	1	3
(cyanide process) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	†	1,572 1 20	4,902	2	3
Kirwan's Reward .. .. .	..	..	..	2,800	2,619	2,591 13 7	10,328	12	10
Victoria Range	166	13	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Inkerman Mines .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2,736	204 17 9	819	9	6
Private company—Last Chance .. .. .	..	..	..	..	44	81 12 12	330	11	7
	5,824	9	7	35,800	82,618	33,979 5 5	134,557	7	11
Dredging Companies—									
A1	6,700	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reeves's Proprietary	3,630	0	0	..	..	162 0 8	629	17	3
Alluvial gold .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2,814 4 21	11,357	13	8
Totals	16,204	9	7	35,800	82,618	36,955 10 10	146,544	18	10

* From 1,800 tons tailings by cyanide process. † From 8,849 tons tailings by cyanide process.

The following statement will show the comparative returns from the mines in the district for the past twenty-one years, ending the 31st March of each year:—

Year.	Calls made.			Dividends declared.	Quartz crushed.	Yield of Gold.	Value of Gold.		
	£	s.	d.	£	Tons.	Oz. dwt. gr.	£	s.	d.
1880-81	10,218	17	6	19,650	25,926	17,597 14 10	68,630	13	10
1881-82	25,504	3	4	37,643	14,894	20,154 0 0	78,600	12	0
1882-83	61,345	0	0	32,600	18,928	19,194 0 0	74,856	12	0
1883-84	49,456	0	0	16,500	23,433	16,547 0 0	64,533	6	0
1884-85	29,333	0	0	34,100	34,349	23,997 0 0	93,588	6	0
1885-86	24,565	0	0	14,500	27,198	14,591 0 0	56,904	18	0
1886-87	21,596	0	0	33,450	23,930	21,143 0 0	83,171	15	5
1887-88	30,432	0	0	17,550	24,403	16,775 0 0	66,030	11	5
1888-89	38,919	0	0	16,688	28,564	18,663 0 0	72,720	18	0
1889-90	27,531	0	0	18,250	32,394	17,780 0 0	69,676	12	1
1890-91	20,404	0	0	27,325	39,643	23,347 0 0	91,998	8	10
1891-92	25,956	0	0	30,743	35,562	23,390 0 0	92,885	5	1
1892-93	18,800	0	0	16,900	37,693	20,171 0 0	80,894	5	1
1893-94	14,350	0	0	18,832	34,518	18,413 0 0	73,752	14	11
1894-95	10,153	0	0	11,012	26,603	13,426 10 0	53,509	5	1
1895-96	8,418	0	0	25,925	29,816	22,025 0 0	87,935	18	4
1896-97	9,033	6	8	4,900	13,270	8,365 4 20	33,824	7	1
1897-98	7,859	3	4	50	9,751	4,266 7 1	18,253	7	3
1898-99	5,920	6	8	900	42,305	21,487 18 15	87,587	1	0
1899-1900	10,747	8	9	47,050	58,277	26,693 3 18	108,455	17	8
1900-1901	5,824	9	7	35,800	82,618	33,979 5 5	134,557	7	11