

LIST of SPECIAL CLAIMS GRANTED at WESTPORT from the 1st April, 1900, to the 31st December, 1900.

Date of Grant.	To whom granted.	Area granted.			Locality.
		A.	R.	P.	
1900.					
April 5	Charles Adalbert Ulrich	31	2	39	Ngakawau.
" 5	"	11	0	32	"
" 5	Edward Seager	20	0	0	Mokihinui.
" 11	Thomas McCann and others	10	0	0	Addison's.
" 19	Charles Adalbert Ulrich	29	1	0	Buller River.
" 25	Jeremiah Duggan and others	6	0	0	Bradshaw's Terrace.
May 16	Britannia Gold-mining Company (Limited)	7	0	0	Waimangaroa.
" 28	Charles Adalbert Ulrich	28	1	0	"
June 20	T. J. Jones and F. Clifford	20	0	0	Ngakawau.
" 20	J. M. Dennehy and others	19	0	0	Bradshaw's Terrace.
" 22	Wallace Mackenzie	21	3	22	Waimangaroa.
" 22	Wallace Mackenzie	17	0	0	"
July 1	Charles Adalbert Ulrich	64	0	0	"
" 4	Wallace Mackenzie	29	3	25	"
" 4	E. C. Kingswell	53	3	26	Mokihinui.
Aug. 3	Daniel O'Neill	89	2	0	Fairdown.
" 11	A. D. Bayfield	100	0	0	Cascade Creek.
" 15	Edward Trythall	66	2	0	Buller River.
" 15	Alexander Duncan	99	3	33	Fairdown.
" 15	C. E. Harden and J. Bishop	20	0	0	Addison's.
Sept. 5	Peter Halligan and others	9	3	9	"
" 5	Thomas Alexander	59	0	0	Mokihinui.
Oct. 2	Alexander Senior and others	41	1	0	Addison's.
" 17	Benjamin McPherson	96	0	26	Fairdown.
" 17	Edward Trythall	47	2	30	Waimangaroa.
" 26	Wallace Mackenzie	32	1	15	"
" 26	H. R. Cooke	67	0	16	Karamea.
Nov. 2	R. Johnson, jun.	84	3	0	"
" 2	"	57	2	30	"
" 28	Walter McIntyre	56	1	0	Buller River.
" 28	"	64	2	0	"
" 28	C. E. Harden and J. Bishop	94	3	39	Fairdown.
Dec. 13	H. R. Cooke	65	3	0	Karamea.
" 13	Wallace Mackenzie	91	3	32	Waimangaroa.
" 13	W. M. Bradley	97	1	24	Fairdown.
" 13	"	97	2	25	"

There were twelve special-claim licenses cancelled on surrender or forfeiture at Westport during the twelve months ended 30th April, 1901.

DISTRICT OF LYELL AND MURCHISON COURTS.

Dredging.

The year just ended has seen a good deal of activity displayed in dredging in this part of the district, and a considerable amount of ground has been taken up as special claims or under prospecting license. Practically the whole of the Buller River from Westport to the Hope—a distance of about eighty miles—has now been pegged out. On the Matakītaki River all available ground is now taken up, right from its junction with the Buller River to Horse Terrace—a distance of about twenty miles. On the Glenroy River, which is a tributary of the Matakītaki, two special claims and a number of prospecting licenses have been granted during the year. A number of prospecting licenses have also been granted in the Rotoroa and Maruia Rivers, both tributaries of the Buller. During the year 163 applications for ordinary mining privileges and thirty-four applications for special claims were dealt with at the Lyell Court, and the sum of £826 was received as goldfields revenue.

Old Diggings Gold-dredging Company.—This company has a claim of 76 acres, situated in the Buller River at Berlin's. They have purchased the Consolidated Company's dredge, which has been employed in the Buller River at Three-channel Flat, and are just now waiting for a rise in the river in order to float the dredge down to the claim. The ground has been prospected with very satisfactory results.

El Dorado Gold-dredging Company.—This company hold a special claim above the Old Diggings Company's ground, and are inviting tenders for the construction of a dredge.

Rocklands Beach Gold-dredging Company.—This company's dredge has only just started work, and no returns are yet available. The company hold a special claim of 100 acres immediately above the El Dorado Company's claim.

Welcome Gold-dredging Company and Premier Gold-dredging Company.—Both these companies are pushing on the construction of dredges on their claims as speedily as possible, and in both cases the pontoons will shortly be ready for launching. Both claims are situated between the Rocklands Beach Company's ground and Inangahua Junction.

Buller Junction Gold-dredging Company.—This company's dredge commenced operations a few weeks back, and has obtained good returns from the time of starting. The claim is situated near the junction of the Buller and Inangahua Rivers, and the dredge is now working about a quarter of a mile above the junction.

Consolidated Dredging Company.—This company's dredge has been employed at Three-channel Flat during the past year, but has not obtained very encouraging results, and the dredge has