

## ROCK AND PILLAR.

*Rock and Pillar Sluicing Company, Rock and Pillar* (N. Moloney and party).—Two men are employed in this alluvial sluicing claim on Wandle Creek. A shaft is also being sunk in the locality by the same party in search of a coal-seam.

## IDABURN.

*Wheeler and Party's Sluicing Claim*.—Ground-sluicing. Two men.

## BLACKSTONE HILL.

*William Wade and Son*.—Extended sluicing claim of 1 acre. Generally one man at work.

*H. Armitage*.—An alluvial claim of 1 acre, in which three men find employment.

*Robert Johnstone, Hill's Creek*.—Ground-sluicing claim. Two men employed.

*C. Rose, Hill's Creek*.—Ground-sluicing.

*William Hickey, Hill's Creek*.—Ground-sluicing.

*Turnbull and Hayes*. Ground-sluicing on Rough Ridge.

*McAdie Bros., German Hill, Ida Valley*.—Ground-sluicing.

*D. Nicoll*.—Fossicking on Garibaldi Diggings.

*J. Wilkinson and F. Cavendower*.—Fossicking on the Gimmerburn Creek.

Ground-sluicing around this locality is confined to a few parties working with a limited supply of sluicing-water. Some splendid samples of gold are obtained in the Blackstone Hill Diggings.

## ST. BATHAN'S.

*Eagle and Gray's Sluicing Claim*.—Area of claim, 3 acres. No work has been done on the property during the past year.

*Scandinavian Water-race Company, Surface Hill* (N. Nicholson, manager).—This company holds several areas totalling 100 acres. An average of twenty-two men are employed throughout the sluicing season. The mode of working these claims is by hydraulic sluicing and elevating, but on account of the severity of the Otago Central-winter, sluicing is not continuous throughout the year. This company operates on an extensive scale, and consequently incurs large expenditure in wages, upkeep of races and of sluicing plant.

*United M. and E. Company* (P. T. O'Regan, manager).—Similar to the Scandinavian Company, the operations of this company are conducted on an extensive scale. The top material is ground-sluiced off, and the remainder is elevated 82 ft. in vertical height. Seven men are usually employed.

*P. Hanrahan's Sluicing Claim*.—Claim worked by hydraulic sluicing and elevating. Three heads of water are supplied from the Scandinavian Company's race.

*Shamrock Gold-mining Company, Hawkdam Station* (J. Mooney, manager).—Operations are continued in this claim on the same lines as formerly. The ground, which is not deep, is worked by ordinary hydraulic sluicing and elevating methods.

## CAMBRIAN'S.

*Shepherd's Flat Claim*.—P. McCarthy and G. O'Hara have taken this claim on tribute, and are working it by hydraulic sluicing and elevating with water brought in from Dunstan Creek.

*R. Jones and Morgan*.—Ground-sluicing at Lauder.

*G. Jones and Son*.—Ground-sluicing at Cambrian's.

*Vinegar Hill Hydraulic Sluicing Company, Cambrian's* (Thomas Morgan, manager).—Although a large body of water under high pressure is brought on to this claim and a large amount of material sluiced away, the results have not been very satisfactory. Sluicing operations were resumed this season at a lower level, and better returns are expected.

*Fordham and Gay's Hydraulic Sluicing Claim, Cambrian's*.—Area of claim, 5 acres. Method of working, hydraulic sluicing and elevating.

## MATAKANUI.

*Undaunted Gold-mining Company, Matakauui* (T. C. Donnelly, manager).—This claim, which has an area of 124 acres, is worked by hydraulic sluicing and elevating. Nine men are employed. Fifty-five acres of ground have been worked, which yielded at the rate of about 1,000 oz. of gold per acre.

*Ewing and McConochie's Sluicing Claim, Tinker's* (J. Naylor, manager).—This claim is now amalgamated with the Sugar-pot Company under the style of "The Tinker's Gold-mining Company."

*Tinker's Gold-mining Company, Tinker's* (J. Naylor, manager).—Hydraulic sluicing and elevating. This company is the outcome of the amalgamation of the Sugar-pot and Ewing and McConochie's properties at Tinker's. Eighty-eight acres are included in this area.

*J. Symes and Sans' Sluicing Claim, Matakauui*.—A privately owned hydraulic sluicing plant at work on a claim below Matakauui Township.

*Matakauui Gold-mining Company* (H. Norman, manager).—Area of claim, 45 acres. Mode of operations: hydraulic sluicing and elevating, good results being obtained during the year. Seven men are employed.

## DRYBREAD DIGGINGS.

These diggings are now practically abandoned to a few fossickers.

*H. Glassford and C. Johnston*.—Ground-sluicing.

*C. Wilson*.—Ground-sluicing.

## DEVONSHIRE DIGGINGS.

This locality is now almost deserted by miners.

S. H. Templeton has a ground-sluicing claim of 2 acres, which affords employment to two men.