

ground-sluing; two men employed. Barclay and Jarvis, sluing; two men employed. W. Taylor, driving and blocking out; one man employed. Love and Smith, driving and blocking out; two men employed. Bennett and Sons, driving and blocking out; three men employed. Several claims recently held by Europeans have been acquired by Chinese, who have leased water brought in from the tributaries of Tuanoa Creek.

Klondyke Spur, on Tuanoa Creek.—Dawson and party, sluing; three men employed. Turnbull Bros., sluing; two men employed. Evans Bros., sluing; two men employed. Whalen and Wallace, driving and blocking out; two men employed. Merrilees and McEwan, driving and blocking out; two men employed.

Camp Gully, a Tributary of Tuanoa Creek.—Currie and party, driving and blocking out in the terrace; five men employed. Barry and party, driving and blocking out; two men employed. Evans Bros., driving and blocking out; two men employed. Alderson driving and blocking out; two men employed.

Branch off Clark's Gully.—Arnett and Fryer, sluing; two men employed. King Bros., sluing; two men employed. John Whalen, sluing; two men employed. Fortune and Son, sluing; two men employed. Chinese party, sluing; four men employed. Horan and Herbert, driving and blocking out; two men employed. Hall and party, sluing; three men employed. Hall and party, driving and blocking out; three men employed.

Prince's Flat.—G. Black and Son, sluing; two men employed. Chinese, sluing; one man, employed.

Buckley's Gully.—Homer and party, sluing; three men employed.

Waterloo.—Chinese, sluing; about fifteen celestials employed.

Mary Ann Gully.—Fitzgerald Bros., sluing; three men employed. Riddell Bros., sluing; four men employed. Cooper and Son, sluing; two men employed.

Stony Creek.—Otway and party, driving and blocking out; two men employed.

Sandy Creek Sludge-channel.

Branch off Sandy Creek.—Forbes and King, sluing; three men employed. Forbes and King driving and blocking out; two men employed. Sorenson, sluing; three men employed. Evans Bros., sluing; three men employed. Bennet and Rowlands, driving and blocking out; two men employed. White and party, driving and blocking out; three men employed. Shrimpton and party, driving and blocking out; two men employed. Fortune Bros., driving and blocking out; two men employed. Homer and Hislop, driving and blocking out; two men employed.

Falls Creek.

Ralston and party, opening out sluing claim; two men employed. Lennon, sluing; one man employed. T. Fitzgerald, driving and blocking out; one man employed. A party of fifteen Chinese, bringing in water-race from tributaries of Tuanoa Creek.

Kenny's Creek.

J. Forbes, sluing; two men employed. J. Arthur, jun., sluing; two men employed.

Pahia.

O'Connor, driving and blocking out; two men employed. Decosta Bros., driving and blocking out; two men employed. Watson Bros., driving and blocking out; two men employed.

Beach Claims.

Mouth of Sandy Creek Sludge-channel.—Crawford; three men employed. Wilson and Fretwell; two men employed. Williams; one man employed. Murdoch, one man employed.

Mouth of Tuanoa Sludge-channel.—E. Fortune; two men employed. Hall and party; one man employed. Hutton and Yates; two men employed. A. Pearson; one man employed.

Waiau River.

Only two men now engaged sluing at Papatotara.

The Belmont Dredge, which had been navigated down stream a distance of fifty miles, lies wrecked in the lagoon near the mouth of the river; a flood had drifted shingle into the paddock, and when the waters subsided the dredge's back became broken.

PRESERVATION INLET AND SOUTH-WEST COAST OF OTAGO.

Sealer's No. 2.—Treseder and Goodger, who are engaged in hydraulic sluing, have brought in a head-race for a distance of three-quarters of a mile to work ground on McNamara Creek.

Coal Island.—Only two men (Campbell and Powell) are now engaged in ground-sluing. Cullen and Clark, two old miners, are doing a little prospecting at Moonlight.

Southport.—Johnston and McLaren are fossicking in the creek.

Milford Sound (Greenstone Beach, Anita Bay).—A party of five men, with five months' provisions, were landed from the "Hinemoa." Some of the men are experienced miners, and it is understood that they are acting on behalf of Messrs. Bertram and Co., a Dunedin syndicate formed for the purpose of prospecting for a formation of greenstone (nephrite) which is believed to occur at an altitude of 1,600 ft. above sea-level, on the north-western terminal slope of Mitre Peak. The face of the mountain is very steep, and a large landslip which occurred in bygone days brought down fragments and boulders of greenstone, pieces of which have been picked up on the beach at low water for many years past.

Madagascar Beach lies north of the entrance to Milford Sound. Rough gold was found on the beach, which has been worked intermittently on a small scale. A Dunedin party, having acquired an area