

down further. When the water has been drained off by the deep-levels crosscut, sinking operations will be undertaken.

*Victoria Mine* (C. Williams, mine-manager).—No. 1 level (88 ft.): Stoping has been done on a small quartz vein, with good results. A limited amount of prospecting was also done. No. 2 (143 ft.) level: Work consisted of crosscutting and driving on the reef. No. 3 level (243 ft.): The new reef, varying in width from 9 in. to 20 in., has been prospected, with encouraging results. No. 4 level (332 ft.): CO<sub>2</sub> has hindered operations in this level. The rise on No. 1 reef did not disclose anything of an important character. Seventy-one loads of ore and 105 lb. of specimen yielded 203 oz. 18 dwt., valued at £574 17s. 10d. Seven men were employed. Mine in good order.

*Waiotahi Mine* (G. Warne, mine-manager).—Mary Ann No. 2 level: The eastern crosscut has been extended for a total distance of 500 ft. from the shaft. There is yet no sign of the reef, although the crosscut has been advanced some distance beyond the point where it should have been located. No. 4 level: In the eastern end of the mine the stopes on the hanging-wall leader have been carried up for a height of 60 ft. At this point the quartz died out. Two rises were then put up from the back of the stopes; but as no quartz was found, work in this section was stopped. On the main reef, a fourth rise has been put up on the underlie of the reef 85 ft. The main reef here, as in the case of the hanging-wall leader, appears to die out. Some stoping was done on the main reef at this point, but it did not prove remunerative. Below this level the hanging-wall leader has also been stopped out down to its junction with the main reef. No. 5 level: The principal work at this level has been the stoping of a block on the Cure reef, which is now exhausted. No. 6 level: Stoping has been done on the foot-wall dropper above this level. The sinking of the main shaft to the 1,000 ft. level is being undertaken. During the year the company treated 1,972 tons of ore and 22 lb. of specimen stone for a yield of 3,737 oz. 16 dwt., valued at £7,752 4s. 7d. Twenty-seven men were employed. The mine was examined several times, and found to be in good order.

*Moanataiari Mine* (R. Ross, mine-manager).—Mining operations have been confined to prospecting the Canadian reef at No. 4 level. An intermediate level was driven from the rise on the reef at the Waiotahi boundary until it junctioned with another level. Nothing of an important character was revealed. A winze was then sunk on a small leader in the hanging-wall of the Cambria reef, but the results were likewise disappointing. The company was granted protection at the latter end of the year to enable it to conserve its funds for deep-level development. Ten men were employed. The mine was examined during the year.

*Kuranui-Caledonian Mine* (G. Horn, mine-manager).—Graham's level: A considerable amount of work was done on Graham's leader, but nothing of a payable character was met with. Moanataiari Tunnel: The All Nations leader was prospected during the year. The leader varies in width from 4 in. to 8 in., and shows some mineralized stone in places. A small block of stone was stoped out, and sinking done, but the work was found unprofitable. A leader on the south side of the Moanataiari Tunnel yielded a few pounds of specimen stone. On the 15th October the company was granted protection for a period of twelve months, subject to the mine being thrown open to tributers down to No. 4 level. Two parties of tributers availed themselves of the opportunity. During the year sixteen loads of quartz was treated, for a return of £84 ls. 7d. Five men were employed.

*Thames Mine* (J. Sheehan, mine-manager).—The chief work for the year consisted of driving seawards on the Cambrian reef, and driving and rising on the Cross reef. A distance of 300 ft. has been driven on the Cambrian reef, but no values have been met with. The ventilation proving very troublesome, air-boxes (10 in. by 12 in.) were carried from the main airway to the face, a distance of 1,800 ft. Although the condition of the ventilation has been improved thereby, it is still below the requirements of the Act. On the Cross reef 150 ft. was driven, and a rise is now being put up. The prospects are fairly bright. During the year six men were employed. The mine was in good order when inspected.

*Reliance Mine* (G. Comer, mine-manager).—The company is working from the Moanataiari Tunnel. A short crosscut having intersected the Reuben Parr reef, the reef was driven on from both sides of the crosscut. The reef is encased in hard, blue rock. The values were disappointing. The mine was examined during the year: the workings were in good order, but the ventilation was poor. Two men were employed.

*Point Russell Mine* (W. H. Kennerley).—In the early part of the year some work was done in the adit level. Latterly attention has been given to fossicking in old abandoned drives. But no success has been met with. Twenty loads of material were treated for a return value of £17. Eight men were employed.

*Alburnia Mine* (H. Kendall, mine-manager).—Prospecting-work has been done on the Sons of Freedom reef without result. A reef was located in the low level, and has been driven on a distance of 100 ft. The condition of the mine-ventilation is poor. Six men were employed.

*Kuranui Mine* (E. Turnbull, mine-manager).—Prospecting has been done on the following reefs: Blyth's reef (crosscutting, rising, &c.), 592 ft.; Shotover reef (crosscutting, rising, &c.), 714 ft.; Hartley reef (crosscutting, rising, &c.), 70 ft.; Waitangi reef (crosscutting, rising, &c.), 491 ft. The mine was examined during the year, and found to be in good order. Thirteen tons of ore was treated, for a return value of £27 17s. 2d. Five men were employed.

*Waitangi Mine* (W. J. Adams, mine-manager).—Mining operations have been confined chiefly to prospecting and driving the Beach low level (which is being undertaken by the Waitangi Consolidated and Bonanza Companies). No. 3 level, western section: The prospecting-drive on the break going west of the winze was driven a further distance of 400 ft., making a total distance of 425 ft. This drive was put in for the purpose of cutting a reef which was showing on the surface; but, unfortunately, the reef was not found underground. A crosscut was put in at a point 40 ft. from the end of this drive, in a southerly direction, for a distance of 25 ft. Beach level, Tararu: This level was started about the