

*Waipukapuka Mine* (W. H. Kennerley, mine-manager).—The company carried out a limited amount of prospecting, but have not yet located a gold-bearing reef. Two men were employed.

*Kapowai Mine* (R. Tierney, mine-manager).—At No. 2 level a winze was sunk to a depth of 27 ft., and a connection established with the low level. From the winze a level was driven a distance of 85 ft., payable ore being met with. At No. 2 level 35 ft. was driven, and a winze sunk to a depth of 10 ft. Fifty tons of ore was treated, and returned £147 13s. 7d. Four men were employed.

*Nonpareil Mine* (A. W. Sawyer, manager and owner).—A very rich leader was located, which yielded 15 tons of ore and 70 lb. of specimen stone, valued at £215 11s. 6d. Three men were employed.

*Ballarat Mine* (M. Britt, manager and owner).—Only a limited amount of work was done during the year, but the owner secured some rich ore, which gave a return value of £410. Two men were employed.

*Caledonia Extended Mine* (J. W. O'Sullivan, mine-manager).—The company did some prospecting-work early in the year, without meeting with any success, and subsequently applied for protection, in order to raise more capital. Three men were employed.

*Golden Drop Mine* (G. Fisher, manager and owner).—A rise has been put up on the Candlelight reef, and a level driven a distance of 20 ft. No. 1 dropper: A winze was sunk 30 ft., and a reef driven on 30 ft. From 3 cwt. of quartz treated, 16 pounds' worth of gold was obtained.

*Shortland Flats Mine* (T. H. Crawford, mine-manager).—No work was done in the mine during the year. From time to time the company applied for protection, in order to raise more capital for development-work.

*Good Hope Mine* (C. A. Taylor, mine-manager).—Early in the year a crosscut was driven to intersect the Oddfellows reef, but after driving 200 ft. without success, the company suspended work in this level. The main drive was then extended 152 ft. (east) on the course of the O'Sullivan reef, and the leading stope carried along a distance of 80 ft. Twenty-two loads of material yielded gold to the value of £120 10s. 6d. Six men were employed.

*New Magnet Mine* (W. James, mine-manager).—Operations were carried on at Nos. 1 and 2 levels. At No. 1 level a winze was sunk 68 ft. to connect with the main rise from No. 2 level for ventilation purposes. On the main reef and hanging-wall, which varies in width from 6 in. to 15 in., 160 ft. of rising and stoping has been done. Four men were employed.

*Wakaterere Mine* (A. Christie, mine-manager).—Several old drives have been opened up, and the reefs driven on some distance without meeting with encouraging prospects. Three men were employed.

*Halcyon Mine* (E. C. Keven, mine-manager).—At the low level the reef was cut into and driven on 138 ft. east and 68 ft. west. At a point 50 ft. east of the crosscut a short rise was put up and the ore-body prospected. Nine loads gave a return of £63 19s. 3d.

*G. A. Dougall's Claims*.—The claims have been under protection during the year, consequently no work of any kind has been done upon them. A new company, called the Karaka Mines (Limited), has just been registered in London, for the purpose of taking over and working the claims. The company has a nominal capital of £175,000. It is expected that it will be in a position to commence operations at the mines about the middle of the year.

*Occidental Mine* (T. Gillan, mine-manager).—At No. 4 low level a winze was sunk 80 ft. At a depth of 50 ft. a chamber was made and a strong body of quartz driven on westward, but with disappointing results. At 80 ft. a level was run out to intersect the Loyalty reef, which was met with after a distance of 200 ft. had been driven. The drive will be continued on this reef to test its values. The Loyalty and Occidental reefs should be found to junction a little distance ahead. Mine drainage and ventilation have caused some trouble in the past; but an oil-engine and a small fan have been installed at the mine to overcome these difficulties. The mine was examined several times during the year, and found to be in good order. Six men were employed.

*Dart Extended* (D. Dunlop, manager and owner).—As the result of energetic prospecting, the owner secured 20 tons of ore, which when treated returned £215 17s. 11d. Two men were employed.

*Summer Hill Claim* (A. Geraty, owner and manager).—During the year the owner mined 1 ton of ore and 417 lb. specimen, which gave a return value of £185 2s. 7d.

*Adventure Claim* (C. E. Prescott, owner and manager).—A small quartz leader was driven on from an adit level, and about 5 tons of ore was secured and yielded gold to the value of £72 5s. 4d.

*Lord Nelson Mine* (J. Middleton, manager).—A limited amount of work was done on the claim during the year. Fifty tons of ore and 300 lb. specimen stone gave a return of £846 15s. 3d. Four men were employed.

*Otanui Mascotte Claim* (R. Otto, mine-manager).—Operations have been confined to the shaft low level. The main crosscut has been advanced. The No. 1 reef is expected to be met with in another 30 ft. of driving. Three men were employed. The mine was examined, and everything except the ventilation, which was dull, gave satisfaction.

*Champion Mines* (E. Cartwright, mine-manager).—Operations were confined to the Champion North section, where a new, well-defined reef was located. Thirty tons of ore was treated, for a return value of £134 3s. 9d. Four men were employed.

*Kirikiri Mines* (J. P. Williams, manager).—At the low level the Horse-shoe reef has been driven on a distance of 514 ft. When another 81 ft. has been driven a rise will be put up to connect with a winze from a higher level. A prospecting-drive has been driven 140 ft., and general prospecting-work done on the surface. Six men were employed. The mine was examined, and found to be in good order.

*Golden Belt Mine* (A. A. Adams, mine-manager).—At the low level the reef has been driven on some distance. The ore-body is from 6 ft. to 8 ft. wide, and occasional colours of gold have been seen. It is the manager's intention to sink a winze on a run of payable ore that has been met with; and the reef will be risen through to connect with one of the upper levels. In the Bluffs section the ore proved