

prospecting-work in the district. It is, however, satisfactory to be able to say that there are several companies carrying on mining operations in various parts of the district—as, for example, the Sylvia, Watchman, Waitangi, Mount Zeehan, and Monowai, at Thames; the Kapanga, Old Hauraki, and Hauraki Reefs, at Coromandel; the Silver Stream, at Maratoto; and the Waihi Extended, at Waihi—the shareholders of which have continued, notwithstanding the depression, to furnish the funds necessary for prospecting and development works. None of these mines has yet reached the paying stage, but they certainly appear within measurable distance of success; and some of them will, no doubt, before the end of the present year be contributing to the yield of gold from the district. The success of these mines is looked forward to hopefully as a means to re-establishing interest generally in the other mines of the district.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS J. BURGESS, Warden.

Mr. Warden FLORANCE, Blenheim, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Mines Department, Wellington.

SIR,—

Warden's Office, Blenheim, 30th March, 1911.

I have the honour to present my report on the Marlborough Mining District, for the year ended the 31st December last.

#### ENDEAVOUR INLET.

There is no activity evinced in working the antimony- or gold-mines in this district. Portion of the land is being thrown open for selection under the Lands for Settlement Act.

#### HAVELOCK, MAHAKIPAWA, AND CULLENSVILLE.

A slight revival is apparent at Cullensville in the neighbourhood of old workings on Cullen's Creek, under the direction of Messrs. Morton and Nyberg.

At the Wakamarina Valley, besides several small prospects, Humphries Brothers, now known as the "Dominion Consolidated Company," are doing good work. They have laid down 27 chains of aerial tramway to work their new drives at the Dominion Mine, and are spending considerable sums of money in developing their prospects in gold and scheelite. They are about to lay down six miles of fluming to give an increased supply of water for their battery. But for the recent dry weather and consequent shortage of water, very much more ore would have been got out of the mines than has been. They expect to be working day and night with a large body of men directly they can get sufficient water for their purposes.

#### ARM CHAIR AND TOP VALLEYS.

The miners in these valleys are still very hopeful of good results. By far the largest undertakings are those of the Wairau Valley Gold-mining Company, who are putting in a long drive at a lower level to cut the reef, which has taken a decided dip away from the old working at the top of the hill. They hope to obtain profitable returns from this venture in a few months' time.

In all other respects I cannot report any new discoveries in this district.

The year has passed without any serious accidents having been reported to me.

I have, &c.,

R. STONE FLORANCE, Warden.

Mr. Warden EVANS, Nelson, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Mines Department, Wellington.

SIR,—

Warden's Office, Nelson, 31st March, 1911.

I have the honour to report on the mining industry in the Nelson portion of the Karamaea Mining District for the year ended the 31st December, 1910.

#### NELSON.

There has been a slight improvement in the volume of mining applications dealt with in this Court, from the previous year, chiefly in respect of prospecting licenses in and about Wangapeka. Eight such have been granted, but no finds have been reported, and none of these licenses have been exchanged into claims.

#### MOTUEKA AND TAKAKA.

Little or nothing in the way of mining grants has been dealt with in these Courts during the past year. In Motueka one prospecting right has been granted, while in Takaka nothing at all has been dealt with by the Warden's Court. Mining at the Takaka Court is practically dead.

#### COLLINGWOOD.

There has been a slight increase of mining business operations in this Court lately, but the number of applications, on the whole, is small. The various mining companies in the district are still carrying on operations, but without sensational results.

The Parapara iron lease is in practically the same position as in 1909. Operations are being carried on by a reduced number of men.

Generally, there may be said to be a slight increase in mining activity, but nothing marked.

I have, &c.,

J. E. EVANS, Warden.