

Golden Terrace Gold-mining Company (Limited).—This property has been tested in several places, and work is still being continued.

Livingstone.

Three claims, employing eight men, are working in this district. They are all ground-slucing propositions, and the faces vary from 10 ft. to 40 ft. in height.

Maerewhenua.

Mining in this district shows no expansion, ten parties being at work. Thirty-three men are engaged in the various mines, the faces varying from 20 ft. to 40 ft. in height. They are all ground-slucing. A large area of auriferous drift yet remains to be worked, and this number of men will find employment for many years. The grade of the material treated is low, but very uniform.

Naseby.

There are no new developments in this district. About forty men still find profitable employment in the claims. The average number employed in each claim is two, and the depth worked to averages 30 ft.

Hamilton's.

Hamilton's Sluicing Company.—The nature of the ground will not permit of a rapid treatment of the bottom auriferous wash. The face is 100 ft. in height, and the large slip from the back wall makes the work slow and expensive.

Patearoa.

Seven miners work here in three claims, and there are no apparent prospects of any new developments.

Nevis.

The past winter has been more severe than the former one, inasmuch as there has been an increased fall of snow, consequently the miners were later in getting to work. The claims are consistent yielders, and most of them have considerable lives. Elevating is carried on to a depth of 40 ft., and terraces of a considerable height are operated on.

Waikaia.

Muddy Terrace Gold-mining Company (Limited).—The disastrous flood of March last completely washed away the dam in Dome Creek, at the head of the race. Instead of reconstructing it, the race was carried another 30 chains up creek to lift the water directly therefrom. Owing to the water not being on the claim for the greater part of the year, the return from this company's operations will be considerably below that of the previous one. Sluicing has now been commenced on the Freshford side of the terraces. Thirty-five men have been employed.

Argyle Sluicing Company.—Operations have been conducted in the shallower portions of the claim nearer the Waikaia River.

Winding Creek Claim (Round Hill Mining Company, owners).—Three men only have been employed, and a paddock sunk to the bottom in the top corner of the stripped ground has been the principal work. The company propose to prospect the remaining ground by sinking several shafts.

Nokomai.

Nokomai Sluicing Company (Limited).—The two upper claims were worked as usual, but the lower No. 3 plant was removed a considerable distance down the creek, having broken into the old ground worked by the No. 2 claim.

Chasland's.

Long Beach Gold-mining Company.—Results have been disappointing to the owners, mainly due to a difficulty to save the gold, which is supposed to be present in the sand in payable quantities. An amalgamating-machine is installed, from which much is expected.

Wallace Beach.—This company's operations have been suspended.

DREDGING.

This branch of the mining industry is declining.

During the year eleven dredges have ceased operations, and several others have changed owners.

The dredge on the Mataura has been restarted again by Cook and Excell. A bucket-belt arrangement has been adopted, which enables a greater number of buckets to be put on, and the output dealt with increased.

A dredge on the Hogburn has been started, and also one on the Kyeburn.

The Rise and Shine No. 2 dredge has commenced dredging.

The dredge on Adam's Flat, in the Glenore district, has not yet been completed.

Continual rises in the Molyneux River have prevented the gorge dredges below Alexandra from making a start at all this year.

The "1911" dredge broke loose from her moorings and sank during the flood in March last, and is a total wreck.