

The following is a statement showing the number of subsidized prospectors, the amount of subsidy granted and paid, also the character and result of such prospecting operations, from the 1st April, 1916, to the 31st March, 1917:—

Name of Prospecting Party.	Number of Prospectors.	Locality of Operations.	Amount of Subsidy granted.	Amount of Subsidy expended.	Distance driven.	Nature of Claim.	Character of Operations.	Remarks.
<i>Northern Inspection District.</i> Hauraki Prospecting Association— Tierney and Regan	2	Mahakirau, Coromandel	£1,000, at £2 subsidy for £1 sub- scribed	£ s. d. 333 0 0	Ft. 300	Quartz	Surface prospecting	So far nothing payable has been discovered.
Waitangi Gold-mining Company	6	Thames	£166 13s. 4d., at 6s. 8d. per foot	Nil	Nil	"	Driving	Driving on 4 ft. lode, No. 2 level, hanging-wall portion carrying low values.
Hauraki Reefs Gold-mining Com- pany	4	Coromandel	£125, at 5s. per foot	125 0 0	500	"	"	A short block of payable ore was opened up.
P. Power and party	2	"	£50, at 5s. per foot	50 0 0	200	"	"	2 ft. lode intersected low-grade quartz.
W. M. Walnutt and party	2	Waitekauri	£37 10s., at 7s. 6d. per foot	Nil	Nil	"	Sinking	To test lode exposed on surface in the vicinity of where good dish prospects can be obtained.
Success Development Syndicate	2	May Bell Claim, Waitekauri	£125 and £87 10s., at 5s. per foot	212 10 0	850	"	Driving	Driving still in progress, and although, according to survey, the distance has been driven, the main lode has not been cut.
<i>West Coast Inspection District.</i> Mountain Camp partnership	4	Wakamarina	£ s. d. 100 0 0	70 0 0	210	Quartz	Driving	Crosscut being driven to cut scheelite-bearing lode. No work started.
Allen and Roberts	2	Ross	55 0 0	"	"	Alluvial	"	Driving on reefs at Deep Creek, results poor.
Deep Creek Syndicate	6	Wakamarina	166 13 4	166 13 4	500	Quartz	Driving	Work in progress, driving on two lodges.
"	4	"	100 0 0	20 0 0	60	"	"	Driving in progress, on lode 3 ft. wide; little gold.
Duffy and Pennington	2	Larry's Creek	66 13 4	"	"	"	"	Thirty-two shafts sunk to date; prospects payable.
K. S. Hungerford	6	Kanieri Forks	234 0 0	"	"	Alluvial	Sinking	Work not started.
G. W. Kallar	2	Hokitika	90 0 0	"	"	"	"	Work in progress; prospects good.
Kulsen and Havill	2	Kanieri	78 0 0	32 10 0	"	"	Driving	Work in progress; lode very patchy.
Mount Greenland Syndicate	5	Ross	100 0 0	45 10 0	"	Quartz	"	No results of value.
M. and D. O'Keefe	2	Wakamarina	78 0 0	13 0 0	"	"	Surface prospecting	Work abandoned, as lode cut out in winze.
Slattery and Rasmussen	2	"	39 0 0	"	"	"	Sinking	An increase of 1s. 8d. per foot on remaining 500 ft.
Victoria Range Syndicate	4	Reefton	41 13 4	"	"	"	"	"
<i>Southern Inspection District.</i> Browne and party	2	Lawrence	100 0 0	100 0 0	400	Quartz	Driving	A small leader showing coarse gold was found; when driven upon it cut out in all directions, and work was abandoned.
Deep Dell Gold and Scheelite Min- ing Company	2	Macrae's	120 0 0	11 6 8	34	"	"	Work in progress.
Symes and party	2	Bald Hill Flat	92 0 0	92 0 0	"	"	Surface prospecting and trenching	Work in progress. No discovery of any value yet made.
Gordon and party	2	Kawarau	87 10 0	52 0 0	210	Alluvial	Driving	Prospecting for an auriferous lead on high-level terrace. Results unfavourable, and work abandoned.