

Two new dredges, the Bendigo-Goldlight and the Waipapa Beach, commenced operating about the middle of the year.

Of the total of 2,775 oz. of gold, valued at £20,427, recovered by Southern District dredges, Aitken's dredge in the Waikaka Valley recovered 1,190 oz., valued at £9,084, and the Goldfields Dredging Co.'s dredge at Big Beach 503 oz., valued at £3,543.

(3) ALLUVIAL MINING.

The following is a statement showing the value of production of, and dividends declared by alluvial gold-mines during 1935:—

Name of Owner.	Estimated Quantity and Value of Gold produced.		Dividends declared.	
			During 1935.	Total to End of 1935
	oz.	£	£	£
Mahakipawa Goldfields, Ltd.	316	2,410	..	..
Glenroy Gold, Ltd.	202	1,472	..	..
Giles Terrace Sluicing Party	57	424	..	..
Addison's Flat Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	466	3,578	..	2,795
Charleston Sluicing Co., Ltd.	235	1,710	..	..
Waitahu Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	762	5,791	..	..
Mount David Sluicing Co., Ltd.	174	1,308	..	..
Blackwater Creek Sluicing Co., Ltd.	162	1,166	..	..
Deep Lead, Ltd.	457	3,304	..	500
Golden Sands, Ltd.	650	5,284	700	3,200
Stafford Sluicing Co., Ltd.	90	675	..	..
Lawson's Flat Gold-sluing Co., Ltd.	659	4,747	..	..
Hohonu Gold-sluing Co., Ltd.	137	1,003	..	..
Golden Gully Sluicing and Dredging Co., Ltd.	9	66	..	..
Koura Mining Co., Ltd.	18	132	..	..
Branch Creek Development Co., Ltd.	17	127	..	..
Snowy River Sluicing Co., Ltd.	5	38	..	..
Moonlight-Nelson Creek Sluicing Co., Ltd.	4	30	..	..
Bell Hill Gold-sluing Co., Ltd.	35	249	..	..
Bell-Hooper Cromwell Gold, Ltd.	73	542	..	..
Bell-Kilgour Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	15	106	..	..
Jones Nevis Sluicing Co., Ltd.	450	3,257	813	813
Reward Gold-mining Co.	77	565	..	..
Nevis Sluicing Claims, Ltd.	89	632	..	..
New Cornish Point Mines, Ltd.	6	42	..	..
Verdon Sluicing Co.	12	90	..	..
Cairnmuir Sluicing, Ltd.	8	59	..	..
Fourteen Mile Beach Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	69	524	..	..
Macrae's Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	1,327	9,965	1,250	2,250
Maerwhenua Gold Development Co., Ltd.	165	1,391	..	..
Round Hill Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	928	6,716	..	..
Kildare Consolidated Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	165	1,213	..	..
Golden Arrow Mining Co., Ltd.	217	1,492	1,100	1,100
Junction Reward Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	151	1,073	166	166
Arthurs Point Sluicing Co., Ltd.	195	1,424	..	..
Central Shotover Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	117	851	..	..
Upper Arrow Sluicing Co., Ltd.	24	165	..	..
Moonlight Mining Syndicate	90	656	..	3,700
Upper Shotover Gold-mining and Hydraulic Elevating Co., Ltd.	36	276	..	..
Skippers Ltd.	308	2,251	..	..
Mountain Terrace Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	55	384	..	..
Sandhills Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	105	791	..	..
Ben Lomond Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	10	71	..	..
Oxenbridge Shotover Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	30	215	..	..
Shotover Crevices Gold-mining Syndicate	179	1,291	..	..
Skippers Sluicing Co., Ltd.	69	506	..	..
King Solomon Deep Lead, Ltd.	3,670	27,528	3,250	19,500
Coastal Mining Co., Ltd.	282	2,021	..	..
Waimumu Sluicing Co., Ltd.	258	1,975	..	..
Nokomai Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	709	4,978	..	..
Sailors' Gully Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	263	1,908	..	..
Paddy's Point Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	470	3,435	..	..
New Gabriel's Gully Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	166	1,252	..	..
Molyneux Deep Lead, Ltd.	28	197	..	..
Ben Ledi Sluicing Co., Ltd.	30	213	..	..
Fruidburn Sluicing Co.	21	154	..	..
All other claims	21,812	155,383	..	..
Totals	37,134	269,106	7,279	Unknown.

Prospecting by driving, shafting, and boring in Southland, Otago, and the West Coast of the South Island continued unabated during 1935. Many possible dredging areas were proved, but little of importance was discovered in alluvial mining during the year.

At Wetherstones the inclined shaft, at the end of the year had reached a distance of 1,672 ft. from the portal. At the 1,511 ft. mark the schist dipped away much more steeply than could be followed by the drive. Consequently the drive had to be extended in the conglomerate some distance above the contact.