

company mined 2,811 tons of ore, which was treated at the Golden Dawn battery for a yield of 2,495 oz. 11 dwt. of gold, valued at £21,170 9s. 8d. and 11,301 oz. 12 dwt. of silver, worth £1,760 15s. 10d. Besides this, 7 tons of quartz was mined by tributaries for a return of 8 oz. 18 dwt. of gold, valued at £64 4s. 2d. and 55 oz. 15 dwt. of silver, worth £6 4s. 8d., making the total output from the claim for the year amount to 2,818 tons of quartz, which yielded 2,504 oz. 9 dwt. of gold, valued at £21,234 13s. 10d., and 11,357 oz. 7 dwt. of silver, worth £1,767 0s. 6d. Dividends to the amount of £3,835 6s. were paid. The total yield of bullion since the commencement of operations is 32,314 oz. 16 dwt., valued at £51,398 0s. 10d.

*New Talisman Claim, Karangahake* (R. Schulzki, owner).—During the year a good deal of driving and cross-cutting was carried out. A crosscut, advanced a total of 123 ft., intersected Shephard's reef at 97 ft. in. The reef here was found to be about 6 ft. wide, but was of low value. A total of 8 tons was mined from the claim for a return of 5 oz. 7 dwt. of gold, valued at £38 3s. 3d., and 141 oz. 11 dwt. of silver, valued at £18 13s. 9d. The total yield of bullion from the claim since the start of operations is 311 oz. 11 dwt., valued at £418 6s. 8d.

*Waiawa Claim, Karangahake* (L. Turnbull, owner).—About 325 tons of quartz was mined from this claim during the year, practically all of which was treated in the Waiawa battery. A return of 188 oz. 17 dwt. of bullion, valued at £702 10s. 4d. was obtained. Five men were employed. The total yield of bullion from the claim since the commencement of operations is 263 oz. 2 dwt., valued at £906 10s. 3d.

*The Brothers Claim, Karangahake* (O'Brien Bros., owners).—Two hundred and eleven tons of quartz, which was mostly won from old mine passes, was treated at the Golden Dawn battery for a return of 139 oz. 17 dwt. of gold, valued at £899 9s., and 93 oz. 2 dwt. of silver, worth £12 5s. The total yield of bullion since the beginning of operations is 503 oz. 8 dwt., valued at £1,818 3s. 6d.

*Jubilee Prospecting Syndicate, Karangahake*.—This syndicate carried out a fair amount of work by way of crosscutting and driving on the old Imperial claim. Operations were mainly on the Jubilee and Sutra reefs, the former being driven on for 122 ft., and the latter for 34 ft. Values were low. Four crosscuts were put in on the southern section of the area for distances of 15 ft., 25 ft., 20 ft., and 38 ft., respectively. Small leaders carrying low values only were met with. No ore was crushed during the year.

*New Talisman Extended Claim, Karangahake* (C. C. O'Brien, owner).—From this claim 29 tons of ore was treated at the Golden Dawn battery for a return of 10 oz. 9 dwt. of gold, valued at £75 16s. 9d., and 24 oz. 9 dwt. silver, worth £2 14s. 4d. The total yield since the beginning of operations is 431 oz. 3 dwt. of bullion, valued at £956 5s. 1d.

*Talisman Battery Site, Karangahake* (R. M. Aitken, owner).—A tribute party continued the work of cleaning up around this area, recovering 146 tons of ore, which, on treatment, yielded 125 oz. 2 dwt. of gold, valued at £795 19s. 2d., and 458 oz. of silver, worth £58 8s. 1d. The total amount of bullion obtained since the beginning of operations is 1,327 oz. 8 dwt., valued at £1,764 0s. 1d.

*Tasman United Mines Ltd., Maratoto*.—The drilling of a borehole to cut the Payrock reef on the Mt. Cecil claim held by this company was continued, the work being carried out by Mining Finance, Ltd., who hold an option over the property. Drilling was carried down to 901 ft. from the surface, at which point work was suspended. Assay results from thirty-four samples of core, obtained between the depths of 642 ft. and 891 ft., showed only low values in gold and silver.

*Ohinemuri Gold and Silver Mines, Ltd. (In Liquidation), Maratoto*.—Nos. 3 and 4 levels of this company's mine were cleaned up, retimbered, and sampled during the year. Boring, by means of a diamond drill, to test the width and values of the reefs at several predetermined points below the bottom level was also carried out. The first, or No. 1 hole, was completed at a depth of 395 ft. No. 2 hole had reached a depth of 243 ft. at the end of the year. Work in progress.

*Waiwai Claim, Waitekauri* (J. A. Keoghan, owner).—Fourteen tons of quartz was treated at the Golden Dawn battery, and from this ore, and a clean up of the owner's battery, a yield of 23 oz. 8 dwt. of gold, valued at £120 16s. 2d., and 56 oz. 16 dwt. of silver, worth £6 18 11d., was obtained. The total amount of bullion produced since the commencement of operations is 157 oz. 19 dwt., valued at £511 5s. 9d.

*St. Hippo Claim, Waitekauri* (W. J. Gibbs, owner).—About 750 ft. of the old low level was picked up and retimbered. A wooden tramline was put in for a length of about 1,100 ft. The reef was reached in the old workings, but as the owner's available funds became exhausted at this stage he was obliged to suspend operations. No quartz was treated from the claim during the year.

*New Maoriland Claim, Waitekauri* (E. C. Roberts, owner).—Work for the year was confined to extending a short drive left by the old Maoriland Company, sinking a winze for 30 ft., and opening out at the bottom of same. Operations were suspended while the battery was repaired and properly housed. An aerial tramway was also erected, and work was recommenced in the drive mentioned. Fifty tons of ore was treated in the battery for a return of 60 oz. 9 dwt. bullion, valued at £122 16s. 4d., which is also the total yield since the commencement of operations.

*Golden Crown Gold-mining Co. N. L., Komata*.—This company, which is working on the old Komata Reefs and Te Ao Marama claims, cleaned out and repaired the Nos. 1 and 4 levels as far as the main ore pass. The pass is to be restored from the latter level down to the No. 8 level. Rails were laid from the main ore pass, in No. 4 level, to a block of ore 400 ft. south of the main shaft, and a rise was put up over the back of this level for 20 ft. The ore won as a result of this work is stated to be highly payable. The battery and cyanide plant were completed, but crushing had not been started at the end of the year.

*Monowai Gold, Copper, and Lead Mines, Ltd., Waiomio*.—Operations on the properties held by this company were restricted to the driving of a low level tunnel in the Monowai section of the mine. The tunnel was projected from a point 220 ft. vertically below No. 4 level, and for a lateral distance of about 764 ft. The Monowai reef was intersected at 670 ft. and over 50 ft. of quartz was penetrated before the footwall was reached. Gold values were low for the first 40 ft., but a vein, 2 ft. to 3 ft. wide, on the footwall section gave more satisfactory results. A drive north on the footwall of the reef was in progress at the end of the year.

*Remuera, Golden Belt, and Champion Claims, Neavesville* (M. Grace, owner).—Work was mainly confined to the Golden Belt claim, on which a reef (known as the "M. B. A."), is located. This was driven on for a distance of 52 ft., the resultant production being 87 tons of ore, which, on treatment, yielded 254 oz. 10 dwt. of gold, valued at £1,205 9s. 2d.

*Sylvia Mines Development, Ltd., Thames*.—Work in this company's mine was confined to the opening-up of old levels, and the sinking of winzes on the reef to different depths in order to determine whether the ore-body lives downwards. Satisfactory work was done up to the end of the year.

*Sylvia Syndicate, Thames*.—This syndicate, working on another portion of the old Sylvia property, extended a level for a distance of 450 ft. so as to cut the reef of that name. An old lower level on the claim (which had fallen in), was opened up, for drainage and observation purposes, over a distance of 200 ft.

*Puketui Claim, Tairua* (J. H. Prescott, owner).—From a small leader, about 2 in. in width, the owner obtained 5 tons of quartz, which yielded 4 oz. 10 dwt. of gold, valued at £21 8s. This is the total amount won since the commencement of operations.

*Gold Seal Claim, Thames* (E. S. Keven, owner).—A tributer working on this claim crushed, from small leaders, some 2½ tons of quartz, which yielded 21 oz. 6 dwt. of gold, valued at £107 1s. 3d. The total recovery since the commencement of operations is 42 oz. of gold valued at £192 13s. 5d.

*New Waiotahi Claim, Thames* (J. R. Preece and party, owners).—Two leaders, each 3 in. wide, were cut as a result of crosscutting from a point 50 ft. below the collar of the Golden Crown shaft. The crosscut was advanced for a distance of 59 ft. One hundred and twenty-two tons of quartz was obtained by stoping on the leaders,