

and this ore, when treated, yielded 63 oz. 7 dwt. of gold, valued at £324 6s. 11d. The total recovery since the commencement of operations amounts to 130 oz. 12 dwt. of gold, which is worth £648 13s.

*Dawn of Hope Gold-mines N. L., Thames.*—A crosscut driven north from the 141 ft. mark intersected two leaders met with in the upper level at 60 ft. and 90 ft. respectively, but values were low. Two winzes were sunk on the specimen leader ahead of Sarich's block to depths of 25 ft. each and these showed payable ore all the way. Crushings totalling 5 tons were taken from same, and from this tonnage 12 oz. 19 dwt. of gold, valued at £64 11s. 8d. was obtained. Four men were employed by the company, and some fourteen tributers were also engaged on other parts of the claims. The latter treated 80 tons of quartz for a return of 159 oz. 16 dwt. of gold, worth £802 16s. 5d. The total amount of bullion produced since the commencement of operations is 1,067 oz. 1 dwt., valued at £5,165 5s. 9d.

*Golconda Mines Ltd., Thames.*—Very little work was done in this mine during the year. Fourteen tons of ore was crushed for a yield of 4 oz. 17 dwt. of gold, valued at £26 7s. 2d., making the total output since the beginning of operations equal to 102 oz. 17 dwt. of gold, valued at £428 14s. 2d.

*Anniversary Claim, Thames (M. Phillips and J. McLean, owners).*—The driving of the low level was continued. For ventilation purposes another level was advanced for a distance of 200 ft., at an elevation of 60 ft. above the low level, so as to connect with a rise from the latter. Two tons of ore was mined for a return of 6 oz. 10 dwt. of gold, valued at £36 11s. 7d., making the total yield of bullion since the beginning of operations 111 oz. 9 dwt., valued at £581 4s. 5d.

*Christmas Eve Claim, Thames (T. Polton and W. Dabb, owners).*—An average of three men was employed on this property for the year. A winze was sunk 20 ft. on the reef, and a drive opened out in an easterly direction therefrom for 45 ft., but values were found to be poor. Stopping was then undertaken on the main level to the surface but values again fell. Crosscutting was then resorted to with the object of intersecting a known cross lode. Fifteen tons of quartz was crushed for a yield of 14 oz. 15 dwt. of gold, valued at £78 11s. 6d. The total yield of gold since the beginning of operations amounts to 88 oz. 8 dwt., valued at £469 10s. 3d.

*Progress Mine, Thames (H. W. Lloyd and party, owners).*—This property covers the old Tinakori, Ajax and Star claims. Five men were employed during the year. A drive was advanced 100 ft. on the main ore-body, which averages 5 ft. in width. A small leader, 1½ in. in thickness, showing fair gold, was driven on for 60 ft. A total of 147 tons of ore treated yielded 201 oz. 11 dwt. of gold, valued at £1,027 19s. 5d., which is also the total yield since the beginning of operations.

*Caledonian (1934) Ltd., Thames.*—This company is driving an adit level from the foot of the Moanataiari Creek with the object of intersecting the No. 2 Caledonian reef in the Otago and Red Queen sections of the property. At the end of the year the level had been advanced 500 ft., with approximately another 500 ft. to be driven before the objective could be reached.

*Success Claim, Thames (H. A. Thompson, owner).*—From a small leader on this claim 7 tons of quartz was obtained, which on treatment yielded 24 oz. 4 dwt. of gold, valued at £135 4s. 9d. A drive was also constructed parallel to the Hague-Smith reef, and was advanced a distance of 382 ft. at the end of the year. The total amount of gold won since the beginning of operations is 46 oz., valued at £229 18s. 9d.

*Hauraki Consolidated Gold-mines, Ltd., Coromandel.*—This company did no work on its claims during the year, but a number of tributers, working in various parts of same, mined 15 tons of ore, which yielded 20 oz. 19 dwt. of gold, valued at £121 4s. 8d., making the total recovery since the commencement of operations, 670 oz. 16 dwt. of gold, worth £2,379 19s. 9d.

*Coromandel Gold-mines, Ltd.*—The shaft, previously sunk to 140 ft., was carried down to a depth of 160 ft. A chamber was excavated at 150 ft. on the south side thereof, and a crosscut driven east for a distance of 194 ft. Several ore veins were passed through as a result of this work, and at 142 ft. in, a large reef, 33 ft. in width, was met with. The latter was driven on, along the western wall for 129 ft., from which point a crosscut was put out west for 50 ft. with the object of intersecting a small reef which had shown good values in the adit level, 95 ft. above. This reef was not met with, however, its dip evidently having altered so that it had junctioned with the larger reef before reaching the 150 ft. level. The adit mentioned was connected with the low level by rising and winzing. The reef on which the winze was sunk was driven on for a distance of 20 ft. at a depth of 48 ft. Satisfactory prospects were obtained.

*Lone Hand Claim, Waikoromiko (W. J. Pearce, owner).*—The main work for the year consisted of driving No. 3 level, which has been advanced 150 ft. A prospecting level was also driven north of the present workings for a distance of 35 ft. From a block above No. 2 level 6 tons of quartz was obtained, which yielded 27 oz. 10 dwt. of gold, valued at £152 12s. 6d. The total amount of gold produced since the commencement of operations is 105 oz. 13 dwt., valued at £543 12s. 2d.

*Chapman's Find Gold-mining Co., Pukehau.*—The work of stopping Nos. 1 and 2 leaders on the low level was continued until the end of June, when a fault developed in both leaders completely cutting off the gold-bearing stone. All efforts to pick up the values proved fruitless and the company ceased work. During the year, 44 tons of ore was crushed, yielding 176 oz. 12 dwt. of gold, valued at £1,035 11s. 11d. The total amount of gold won since the commencement of operations is 386 oz. 4 dwt., valued at £2,236 15s. 7d.

*Progress-Castle Rock Claim, Tiki (T. Anderson, owner).*—Approximately 1 ton of selected stone was treated for a yield of 102 oz. 19 dwt. of gold, valued at £520 4s. 6d., which figures also represent the total yield and value since the commencement of operations.

*Northcote Claim, Waikoromiko (J. W. Boswell and A. R. Shutes, owners).*—Ninety-eight feet of driving, 78 ft. of crosscutting, and 18 ft. of rising and sinking were done on the Curassier reef, and some 3 cwt. of selected stone was obtained as a result of this work. On treatment, this yielded 31 oz. 18 dwt. of gold, valued at £179 2s. 8d. The total amount of gold won since the commencement of operations is 64 oz. 12 dwt., valued at £357 4s.

*Royal Oak Claim, Tokatea (H. Chipman and party, owners).*—About 1 cwt. of selected stone was treated for a return of 29 oz. 6 dwt. of gold, valued at £155 17s. 10d. The total amount of gold won since the commencement of operations is 122 oz. 13 dwt., worth £650 13s. 7d.

*Harbour View Gold-mines, Ltd., Tokatea.*—Operations were confined to the driving of a level with the object of exploring virgin country immediately below No. 5 level. At the end of the year 217 ft. had been driven through very hard country with nothing to report.

*Speedmint Claim, Tokatea (H. G. Shelverton, owner).*—A total of 362 ft. of driving was done on this claim. About 4 cwt. of stone was crushed for a return of 60 oz. 18 dwt. of gold, valued at £331 1s. 3d. The total amount of gold won since the commencement of operations is 80 oz. 16 dwt., valued at £437 2s. 1d.

*Golden Belt Claim, Waikoromiko (W. S. Sewell & H. Chambers, owners).*—About 1 cwt. of stone was crushed for a yield of 8 oz. 2 dwt. of gold, valued at £44 16s. This is the total yield since the commencement of operations.

*Rock of Ages Claim, Tokatea (J. F. McNeil, owner).*—Some 3½ cwt. of ore, apparently selected, was crushed for a return of 37 oz. 2 dwt. of gold, valued at £204 14s. 4d. This is also the total yield since the commencement of operations.

*Waiorongomai Gold-mines Ltd., Waiorongomai.*—Operations were confined to the Cadman and Bonanza sections of this company's property. In the Cadman section the low level crosscut from the tramway level (at an elevation of 1,144 ft.) was extended to 430 ft. with the object of intersecting the Waitoki and Werahiko reefs. Owing to lack of capital work had to be suspended at this point. It is considered that the reefs should be encountered within the next 80 ft. of driving. A block on the Silver King reef, which was intersected by a crosscut about 450 ft. northward, is ready for stopping. In the Bonanza section a crosscut to intersect the reef of that name and four other ore-bodies was advanced to 310 ft. No quartz was crushed during the year.