

Except during the severe winter experienced in the Nevis Valley, the Nevis Crossing dredge was operated throughout the year.

All other dredges operated continuously during the year.

The West Coast dredges recovered in 1936, 34,080 oz. of gold, valued at £271,797, compared with 29,287 oz. in 1935, valued at £231,996. In 1936 the Southern District dredges recovered 3,167 oz. of gold, valued at £23,279, compared with 2,775 oz., valued at £20,427, in 1935.

In 1936 ten of the dredging companies declared dividends totalling £62,335, an increase of £23,665 over that of the previous year's dividends.

On the Clutha River two powerful electrically-driven dredges were under construction in 1936, one near Clyde and the other near Alexandra. Both were made ready for launching, but the river for a long period was very low. When the rains came it was very high, therefore neither of the dredges could be launched during 1936.

To work the inner-beach leads at Barrytown a 1,500 ton electrically-driven all-steel dredge is being built and will soon be operating.

Material has been ordered also for four other dredges to operate on the West Coast.

(3) ALLUVIAL MINING.

The following is a statement showing the value of production of, and dividends declared by, alluvial gold-mines during 1936 :—

Name of Owner.	Estimated Quantity and Value of Gold produced.		Dividends declared.	
			During 1936.	Total to End of 1936
<i>West Coast.</i>				
Addison Exploration, Ltd.	oz.	£	£	£
Addison's Flat Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	524	4,500	..	..
Antonio's Hydraulic Elevating Co., Ltd.	416	3,388	..	2,795
Blackwater Creek Sluicing Co., Ltd.	5	39	..	..
Deep Lead, Ltd.	189	1,532	..	..
Diamond's Flat Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	268	1,896	..	500
Glenroy Gold, Ltd.	119	824	..	..
Golden Sands, Ltd.	106	746	..	..
Grove Gold-mining Syndicate	738	5,968	2,100	5,300
Hohonu Gold-sluicing Co., Ltd.	72	538	..	..
Koura Mining Co., Ltd.	98	720	..	..
Kumara Goldfields Syndicate	6	40	..	..
Lawson's Flat Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	24	180	..	..
Moonlight Goldfields, Ltd.	479	3,360	..	..
Mount David Sluicing Co., Ltd.	730	6,393	..	..
Waimea Gold, Ltd.	41	301	..	..
Waitahu Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	4	31	..	..
Waratea Sluicing Syndicate	803	5,977	..	..
All other claims	13	101	..	..
	8,992	62,615	..	..
<i>Otago and Southland.</i>				
Arthur's Point Sluicing Co., Ltd.	318	2,281	..	..
Bell-Hooper Cromwell Gold, Ltd.	27	202	..	..
Ben Ledi Sluicing Co., Ltd.	7	46	..	..
Central Shotover Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	51	358	..	..
Coastal Mining Co., Ltd.	196	1,392	..	..
Fruidburn Sluicing Co., Ltd.	22	161	..	..
Golden Arrow Mining Co., Ltd.	353	2,510	275	1,375
Jones Nevis Sluicing Co., Ltd.	92	684	..	813
Junction Reward Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	133	977	..	167
Kildare Consolidated Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	199	1,403	..	1,000
King Solomon Deep Lead, Ltd.	1,958	14,568	..	19,500
Macraes Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	1,654	11,905	2,750	5,000
Maerewhenua Goldfields Development Co., Ltd.	233	1,858	..	..
Mining House Concessions, Ltd.	41	299	..	..
Moonlight Mining Syndicate	156	1,094	..	3,700
Mountain Terrace Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	69	474	..	..
Nevis Sluicing Claims, Ltd.	161	1,274	..	..
New Zealand Prospecting and Mining, Ltd.	7	55	..	..
New Gabriel's Gully Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	252	2,005	..	..
Nokomai Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	1,045	7,329	..	..
Oxenbridge-Shotover Gold, Ltd.	54	381	..	..
Paddy's Point Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	485	3,509	700	2,101
Round Hill Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	1,831	13,914	9,929	9,929
Sailor's Gully (Waitahuna) Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	409	2,900	630	13,925
Sandhills Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	197	1,403	..	..
Skippers Ltd.	442	3,446	..	..
Skippers Sluicing Co., Ltd.	47	329	..	..
Try Again Sluicing Party	87	630	52	116
Tuapeka Mouth Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	360	2,447	..	600
Upper Arrow Sluicing Co., Ltd.	67	482	..	..
Waimumu Sluicing Co., Ltd.	466	3,367	..	..
Wetherstones Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	2	17	..	..
All other claims	8,570	61,791	..	..
Totals, 1936	33,618	244,640	16,436	Unknown.
Totals, 1935	37,134	269,106	7,279	Unknown.