

VII. STATE AID TO MINING.

(1) SUBSIDIZED PROSPECTING.

Upon subsidized prospecting operations 135 persons were intermittently employed during the year. The following is a statement showing the results of prospecting operations as reported by the Inspectors of Mines:—

Name of Prospecting Party.	Number of Prospectors.	Locality of Operations.	Amount of Subsidy granted.*	Amount of Subsidy expended.	Distance driven or sunk.	Nature of Claim.	Character of Operations.	Remarks.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Ft.			
<i>Northern Inspection District.</i>								
Jubilee Prospecting Syndicate ..	2	Imperial Claim, Karangahake ..	37 5 6	37 5 6	71	Quartz ..	Driving ..	Operations abandoned.
Leach, D. ..	2	Victoria Claim, Karangahake ..	210 0 0	154 7 0	294	Quartz ..	Driving ..	Work in progress.
Meagher, H. A. ..	2	Star Claim, Karangahake ..	28 7 0	10 17 4	23	Quartz ..	Driving ..	Work in progress.
Victoria Gold-mining Co. ..	2	Victoria Claim, Thames ..	225 0 0	63 17 1	88	Quartz ..	Driving ..	Work in progress.
Caledonian (1934), Ltd. ..	3	Caledonian Claim, Thames ..	225 0 0	72 0 0	72	Quartz ..	Driving ..	Operations temporarily suspended.
School of Mines ..	..	Thames ..	65 10 0	46 0 0	..	Quartz ..	Crushing ..	..
Forsman, L. L. ..	3	Neavesville ..	67 10 0	67 10 0	..	Quartz ..	Blocking out (alluvial) ..	Returns unsatisfactory.
Coromandel Gold-mines, Ltd. ..	4	Nil Desperandum Claim, Coromandel ..	180 0 0	..	..	Quartz ..	Sinking and boring ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
Richardson, F. ..	2	Paraparaumu ..	34 15 3	34 15 3	..	Manganese ..	Testing deposit ..	..
Golden Dawn Gold-mines, Ltd. ..	..	Owharoa ..	1,000 0 0	..	..	Quartz ..	Driving and cross-cutting ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
Harbour View Gold-mines, Ltd. ..	2	Tokatea ..	500 0 0	122 3 9	72	Quartz ..	Driving ..	Work uncompleted.
Mercury Mines (N.Z.), Ltd. ..	..	Pahipuhi ..	500 0 0	..	..	Cinnabar ..	Development ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
Monowai Gold, Copper, and Lead Mines, Ltd. ..	..	Waioio ..	1,100 0 0	..	..	Quartz ..	Driving and cross-cutting ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
McNeill, J. A. ..	1	Mount Te Aroha ..	65 0 0	32 10 0	..	Quartz ..	Surface-prospecting ..	Work uncompleted.
Sylvia Mines Development, Ltd. ..	..	Thames ..	1,200 0 0	..	..	Quartz ..	Diamond drilling ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
Commissioner Claim ..	4	Thames ..	2,000 0 0	447 0 2	211	Quartz ..	Driving ..	Work in progress.
<i>West Coast Inspection District.</i>								
Antonio's Hydraulic Elevating Co., Ltd. ..	4	Antonio's, Mawheraiti ..	200 0 0	182 13 0	491	Alluvial ..	Driving tunnel ..	Reached production stage.
Consolidated Goldfields of New Zealand, Ltd. ..	14	Globe Hill Area ..	5,000 0 0	2,044 2 2	793	Quartz ..	Diamond drilling and road-construction ..	Drilling still in progress, No. 1 hole.
Golden Valley Syndicate ..	6	Gow's Creek ..	1,100 0 0	750 0 6	..	Alluvial ..	Driving tail-race tunnel, constructing syphon, and fluming ..	Headworks under construction; almost ready to commence operations.
Hara Gold-prospecting, Ltd. ..	..	Taipo River ..	135 0 0	..	..	Quartz ..	Driving ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
Tait, E. W. ..	2	Newton Flat ..	150 0 0	150 0 0	..	Alluvial ..	Erection drag-line plant and construction of sluice-boxes ..	Erection of plant still in progress.
Waikakaho Deep Lead, Ltd. ..	..	Waikakaho, Marlborough ..	650 0 0	..	..	Alluvial ..	Shaft sinking and driving or cross-cutting ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
Drennan, J. B. ..	3	Nelson Creek ..	110 0 0	109 19 3	159	Alluvial ..	Boring ..	Check-boring.
Pool Syndicate ..	..	Baton, Upper Motueka. ..	200 0 0	..	..	Alluvial ..	Sinking ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
McVicar, D. A. ..	..	Waitahu ..	58 10 0	..	..	..	Prospecting for reefs ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
<i>Southern Inspection District.</i>								
Bendigo Rise and Shine Gold-mining Co., Ltd. ..	8	Bendigo ..	800 0 0	80 0 0	40	Quartz ..	Driving and winzing ..	Work in progress.
Cairns, J. ..	2	Matakanui ..	20 0 0	9 15 6	17	Quartz ..	Driving and sinking ..	Work in progress.
Davidson, N. ..	..	Gimmerburn Gorge ..	40 0 0	..	..	Deep lead ..	Sinking ..	No work done.
Moore, F. ..	3	Preservation Inlet ..	125 0 0	..	..	Quartz ..	Driving ..	Work in progress.
Weatherstones Gold-mining Co., Ltd. ..	8	Weatherstones ..	500 0 0	500 0 0	162	Cement ..	Driving ..	Mine abandoned.
Fache, S. C. ..	10	Nevis ..	240 0 0	..	..	Dredging ..	Moving dredge ..	Work in progress.
Harlowich, N. ..	..	Roxburgh ..	350 0 0	..	..	Quartz ..	Sinking ..	Subsidy not yet taken up.
King Solomon Deep Lead, Ltd. ..	48	Waikaia ..	1,000 0 0	..	..	Deep lead ..	Driving ..	Work in progress.
McMullan, J. ..	..	Big Beach, Arthur's Point ..	200 0 0	..	..	Alluvial ..	Sluicing ..	Subsidy not yet accepted.
Reward Gold-mining Party ..	..	Fruitlands ..	150 0 0	..	..	Alluvial ..	Sluicing ..	Operations not yet commenced.
Vinegar Hill Sluicing Co., Ltd. ..	..	St. Bathans ..	500 0 0	..	..	Alluvial ..	Sluicing ..	Subsidy not yet accepted.
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\* Includes authorizations in previous years. The total of the subsidies granted, less cancellations, during the year ended 31st March, 1937, amounted to £18,976 8s. 11d. The amounts authorized for prospecting, in conjunction with the Labour Department (Employment Division) in south Westland and in the Reefton District are not included in this total. † In addition, the Mines Department is paying—(a) half of the cost of an investigation of areas in south Westland, the other half being paid by the Labour Department (Employment Division); fifteen prospectors are employed, and £325 5s. 8d. has been expended by the Department during the year. (b) Half of the cost of the prospecting of the Globe and Merrifjess Areas, Reefton District, the other half being paid by the Labour Department (Employment Division); twenty prospectors are engaged on this scheme, and the Department's expenditure during the year amounted to £959 16s. 10d.