

*The United Victory Company.*—Operations in this mine, both as regards work inside and crushing, have been somewhat limited during the last twelve months, and at present all operations have been discontinued: the reef has been wrought from the intermediate up to the surface, and the result has not been a payable one. Since crushing operations were discontinued the company has been prospecting in No. 2 level south, with the object of ascertaining if the reef lined in that direction. So far nothing beyond a track has been found, but a better estimate may perhaps be formed when some cross-cutting has been done; for the present, operations are likely to be confined to prospecting.

*Lyell Creek Extended Company.*—This company's ground has been lying unworked for the greater part of the last year. A contract for driving the main level 250ft. farther is now in progress, and at the present time the full distance driven into the range is close upon 800ft. The nature of the ground is very hard, rendering progress difficult.

*Tyr-Connell Company.*—The ground held by the company comprises the greater portion of that formerly occupied and worked by the Break o' Day Company at Eight-Mile some few years ago. The present company recommenced operations some two months ago, and the work now in progress is that of extending No. 5 level with the view of striking the stone which was worked overhead, and some of which gave a highly remunerative return to the shareholders.

The construction of the road from the junction of the Lyell Creek Road to the Eight-Mile will be completed in about two months, and will greatly facilitate the mining operations in that vicinity.

*Owen Reefs.*—There were nine leases transferred from Nelson Office to Murchison in September, 1883, from the Owen District. Of these, five have had certificates of occupation granted to them, and the balance are awaiting survey. At the present time there is only one of these leases being worked by a party of four men, and, according to their prospects, the inducement, I believe, is not sufficient to warrant the other lessees to do any prospecting; whilst four or five applications are standing over until the surveys can be effected.

The following table shows the amount of calls made, dividends declared, and quantity of quartz crushed, and yield of gold therefrom:—

TABLE showing AMOUNT of CALLS made, &c., in the Buller District from the 1st April, 1883, to 31st March, 1884.

| Name of Company.                                       | Calls made. | Quartz crushed. | Yield.       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                                                        | £ s. d.     | Tons. lb.       | Oz. dwt. gr. |
| <i>Westport District.</i>                              |             |                 |              |
| Try-Again Gold-Mining Company (Limited) ...            | 312 10 0    | ...             | ...          |
| South Pacific Extended Gold-Mining Company (Limited)   | 225 0 0     | ...             | ...          |
| Reefton Gold-Mining Company, No. 1, (Limited)          | 75 0 0      | ...             | ...          |
| Great Republic Gold-Mining Company (Limited)           | 1,841 13 4  | ...             | ...          |
| Mokihinui Gold-Mining Company (Limited) ...            | 1,150 0 0   | ...             | ...          |
| Guiding Star Gold-Mining Company (Limited)...          | 1,800 0 0   | ...             | ...          |
| Red Queen Quartz-Mining Company (Limited)...           | 2,700 0 0   | ...             | ...          |
| Golden Crown Gold-Mining Company (Limited)...          | 600 0 0     | ...             | ...          |
| Mokihinui Morning Star Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) | 300 0 0     | ...             | ...          |
| Buller Gold-Mining Company (Limited) ...               | ...         | ...             | ...          |
| Christmas Eve Gold-Mining Company (Limited)            | ...         | ...             | ...          |
| <i>Lyell Sub-District.</i>                             |             |                 |              |
| United Alpine Quartz-Mining Company (Limited)          | 4,533 6 8   | 1,250 0         | 509 0 0      |
| Cresus Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) ...             | 2,625 0 0   | 1,200 0         | 577 0 0      |
| United Italy Quartz-Mining Company (Limited)           | 1,200 0 0   | 150 0           | 84 0 0       |
| Victor Emanuel Quartz-Mining Co. (Limited)             | 450 0 0     | ...             | ...          |
| Day-star Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) ...           | 200 0 0     | ...             | ...          |
| Time-will-Tell Quartz-Mining Company (Limited)         | 184 7 6     | ...             | ...          |
| Cosmopolitan Quartz-Mining Company (Limited)           | 25 0 0      | ...             | ...          |
| Bendigo Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) ...            | 83 6 8      | ...             | ...          |
| Auburn Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) ...             | 50 0 0      | ...             | ...          |
| United New South Wales Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) | 170 0 0     | ...             | ...          |
| Great Wonder Quartz-Mining Company (Limited)           | 100 0 0     | ...             | ...          |
| Ballarat Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) ...           | 233 6 8     | ...             | ...          |
| Republic Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) ...           | 200 0 0     | ...             | ...          |
| No. 2 Alpine Gold-Mining Company (Limited) ...         | 33 6 8      | ...             | ...          |
| South British Quartz-Mining Company (Limited)          | 166 13 4    | ...             | ...          |
| Capra Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) ...              | 87 10 0     | ...             | ...          |
| Sydney Quartz-Mining Company (Limited) ...             | 166 13 4    | ...             | ...          |
| Tyr-Connell Quartz-Mining Company (Limited)            | 200 0 0     | ...             | ...          |
| United Victory Quartz-Mining Company (Limited)         | 2,100 0 0   | 380 0           | 285 0 0      |
|                                                        | 21,812 14 2 | 2,980 0         | 1,455 0 0    |