

I sincerely trust that when next I report upon this district I shall be able to record the realization of the hopes entertained of the success of the field during the current year.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of Mines, Wellington.

FRANK BIRD, Warden.

TABLE showing the Number of Registered Companies and the Total Amount of Capital paid up, together with the Amount of Calls made and Dividends declared, the Quantity of Quartz crushed, and the Yield of Gold therefrom, in the Inangahua District, from the 1st April, 1885, to the 31st March, 1886.

Name of Company.	Total Amount of Capital paid up.			Calls made.		Dividends Declared.	Quantity of Quartz Crushed.	Yield.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Tons.	Oz.
Fiery Cross Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	7,400	0	0	1,800	0	0	532	504
Golden Fleece United Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	10,000	0	0	2,800	0	0	420	252
Energetic Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	4,500	0	0	600	0	0	..	..
Wealth of Nations Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	5,281	5	0	1,218	15	0	340	201
Reform Gold-mining Company	1,200	0	0	700	0	0	109	107
Inglewood Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	3,500	0	0	900	0	0	1,200	824
Golden Point Gold-mining Company (Limited) ..	7,000	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Dauntless Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	3,000	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Eureka Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	18,600	0	0	1,400	0	0	..	..
Globe Gold-mining Company	12,975	0	0	2,475	0	0	850	171
Keep It Dark Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	12,625	0	0	..	..	14,500	10,075	6,158
Rainy Creek Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	6,600	0	0	400	0	0	..	..
Welcome Gold-mining Company (Limited)	3,750	0	0	..	..	..	1,345	2,340
Phoenix Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	5,400	0	0	600	0	0	155	100
Occidental Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	1,300	0	0	250	0	0	..	..
Big River Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	3,550	0	0	1,400	0	0	..	..
Oriental Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	8,550	0	0	600	0	0	..	..
Specimen Hill Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	5,500	0	0	1,500	0	0	..	..
Hopeful Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	2,010	18	9	154	13	9	157	308
Lord Edward Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	250	0	0	100	0	0	..	..
Golden Treasure Gold-mining Company (Limited) ..	12,800	0	0	800	0	0	250	235
Happy Valley Gold-mining Company (Limited) ..	1,050	0	0	750	0	0	..	..
No. 2 South Keep It Dark Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	700	0	0	400	0	0	..	..
Result Gold-mining Company (Limited)	3,300	0	0	400	0	0	..	..
Nil Desperandum Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	6,995	16	8	1,150	0	0	..	..
Eclipse Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	350	0	0	100	0	0	..	..
Venus Extended Quartz-mining Company	900	0	0	900	0	0	618	453*
Homeward Bound Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	1,800	0	0	900	0	0	..	..
Bannockburn Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	136	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Great Eastern Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	1,150	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Inkerman Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	11,083	6	8	..	..	..	11,100	2,775
Just In Time Gold-mining Company (Limited) ..	13,762	0	0	1,166	13	4	47	163
Inangahua Low-level Tunnel Gold-mining Company (Limited)	3,600	0	0	800	0	0	..	..
Walhalla Extended Quartz-mining Company (Limited)	1,100	0	0	100	0	0	..	..
South Hopeful Quartz-mining Company (Limited) ..	2,300	0	0	200	0	0	..	..
Totals	184,019	7	1	24,565	2	1	14,500	27,198
							14,591	

* From top-plates only.

WESTLAND GOLDFIELDS.

No. 10.

Mr. Warden KEDDELL to the UNDER-SECRETARY of MINES.

SIR,—

Warden's Office, Greymouth, 5th May, 1886.

I have the honour to report as follows on the condition and progress of the mining districts under my charge :—

Barrytown and North Beach.—About the same number of miners as during last year have found steady employment between Cobden and Razorback. No new finds have been reported, and I principally judge of the work done by the applications for mining privileges made and dealt with. The new track from Barrytown to Razorback has not yet resulted in the development of new ground. The beach is sparsely occupied between Point Elizabeth and the Seventeen Mile, and the miners' earnings appear to have been steady. Mr. Ryall, as my agent, continues to issue forms and take applications for privileges, &c., and to attend the sittings of the Warden's Court at Greymouth, and appears in support of unopposed applications; thus saving much inconvenience to miners at such a distance as Barrytown and its neighbourhood.

Paroa and South Beach.—This locality consists entirely of old worked ground; but amongst the old claims many miners derive remunerative employment, sluicing overlooked or neglected portions of the old workings. Following from the New River towards Marsden, at a