

Fame and Fortune Syndicate.—This syndicate is represented by Mr. Kersey Cooper, who has afforded profitable employment to a large number of men for several years past, working ground that formerly was abandoned as valueless. The returns for the last year are not nearly so good as for the year previous. There is still a large quantity of gold in the ground, and richer stone may be again cut at any time. There are several lodes passing through the claim, with auriferous veins of quartz traversing the country rock, branching off from the main lodes. The principal portion of the gold was obtained last year from the upper levels. The low adit level, which was constructed at great expense, did not open out payable ground at the deep levels. During last year thirty men were employed on wages, and ten men as tributers. The wages-men got 1,928 tons of quartz, which yielded 982oz. gold; and the tributers 43 tons of stone, which yielded about 55oz. gold.

The following statement will show all the gold-producing mining companies in the Thames County, with the area of ground held by each, the number of wages-men and tributers employed, and the quantity of quartz and mullock treated during the year ended the 31st March last, with the yield of gold therefrom:—

Locality and Name of Mine.	Area.			Average Number of Men employed.		For Owners.			For Tributers.		Tailings.	
						Quartz crushed.	Mullock crushed.	Retorted Gold.	Quartz crushed.	Retorted Gold.	Quantity treated.	Gold obtained.
	A.	R.	P.	Wages-men.	Tributers.	Tons cwt. lb.	Tons.	Oz. dwt.	Tons cwt. lb.	Oz. dwt. gr.	Tons cwt. lb.	Oz. dwt. gr.
South Hauraki.												
Tapu—												
Sheridan's ..	20	3	4	5	..	23 0 0	..	185 0	..	..	..	..
Ball's ..	4	0	0	2	..	50 0 0	..	34 12	..	..	..	..
	24	3	4	7	..	73 0 0	..	219 12	..	..	..	..
Tararua—												
Norfolk ..	30	0	0	6	..	20 0 0	..	8 0	..	..	..	..
Sylvia* ..	179	3	6	50	..	3,480 9 94	..	1,152 12	..	..	..	..
	202	3	6	56	..	3,500 9 94	..	1,160 12	..	..	..	..
Shellback—												
Nordenfeldt ..	15	3	31	1	..	15 0 0	..	9 10	..	..	..	..
Waitemata ..	15	0	0	2	..	25 0 0	..	26 0	..	..	..	..
Mountain Flower ..	13	1	26	2	..	31 0 0	..	69 6	..	..	..	..
	44	1	17	5	..	71 0 0	..	104 16	..	..	..	..
Kuranui—												
Hansen's ..	14	3	10	13	4	..	8,862	416 15	35 0 40	62 1 0	..	..
Comer's ..	13	1	37	16	10	..	13,091	753 10	228 0 0	319 5 0	..	..
Hazelbank ..	7	2	11	22	4	2,197 0 0	..	2,049 15	375 0 0	163 11 0	..	..
	35	3	18	51	18	2,197 0 0	..	3,220 0	638 0 40	544 17 0	..	..
Moanataiari—												
Moanataiari ..	94	3	26	60	55	9,985 0 0	..	4,493 5	1,252 0 0	638 12 0	..	..
Alfred ..	10	1	5	4	2	121 0 0	..	92 0	41 0 0	100 12 0	..	..
Freedom ..	6	1	10	..	3	..	..	..	97 0 0	48 17 0	..	..
Orlando ..	15	0	0	6	..	350 0 0	..	471 0	..	..	..	..
Calliope ..	8	0	0	6	..	127 0 0	..	163 19	..	..	..	..
Flying Cloud ..	10	2	30	3	..	82 0 0	..	39 10	..	..	..	..
New Whau ..	..	..	..	4	6	40 0 0	..	16 0	109 0 0	656 0 0	..	..
New Alburnia ..	15	1	0	12	10	300 0 0	..	270 0	212 0 0	132 0 0	..	..
Dixon's Extended ..	3	2	18	3	12	..	..	..	4,142 0 0	999 11 0	..	..
New Chum ..	5	0	0	2	..	..	..	83 10	..	..	..	..
	169	0	9	100	88	11,005 1 22	..	5,634 4	5,853 0 0	2,575 12 0	..	..
Grahamstown—												
Saxon ..	17	1	21	92	..	11,078 0 0	..	4,764 17	..	..	..	..
Victoria ..	34	1	30	6	6	..	..	..	570 0 0	228 0 0	..	..
Caledonian ..	8	3	12	11	..	243 0 0	..	157 19	..	..	..	..
	60	2	23	109	6	11,321 0 0	..	4,922 16	570 0 0	228 0 0	..	..
Waiotahi—												
Waiotahi ..	19	3	15	36	..	2,262 0 0	..	2,859 5	..	..	..	..
New Manukau ..	3	0	15	6	..	55 0 0	..	39 18	..	..	..	..
Cambria ..	15	2	17	33	..	1,900 0 0	..	1,564 19	..	..	..	..
Trenton ..	22	1	16	10	..	127 0 0	..	197 13	..	..	..	..
Fame and Fortune ..	55	0	11	30	10	1,928 0 0	..	981 12	43 0 0	54 14 0	..	..
McCurdy's ..	3	0	0	2	..	18 0 0	..	77 0	..	..	..	..
Berry's ..	1	0	0	1	..	9 0 0	..	57 9	..	..	..	..
Monarch ..	..	..	..	..	..	23 0 0	..	15 18	..	..	..	..
	119	3	34	118	10	6,322 0 0	..	5,793 14	43 0 0	54 14 0	..	..

*Also bullion, 9,864oz. 7 dwt., value £7,874 5s.