

9gr. of gold to the ton. In the Irene Claim eight men got out 333½ tons of stone, which yielded 275oz. 17dwt. of gold; but at the time of my visit work in this claim was discontinued, owing to some dispute as to the ownership.

Only one man was at work in the Waitaia Claim at the time of my visit. A new low-level has been constructed, and a small leader cut, on which the man was at work, but, judging from its size and quality of the stone, it will not pay to work. The Otama Claim, on Comers' Block, has been worked principally by two tributers, who got out 19 tons of stone last year, which yielded 373oz. of gold. Taking the whole of the quartz crushed on the field last year—namely, 10,093 tons, the yield of gold was 8,483oz. 13dwt., being an average of about 16dwt. 19gr. of gold per ton. There was also 2,760 tons of tailings treated, which yielded 1,023oz. 4dwt. of gold, being an average of a little over 7dwt. of gold per ton.

The following statement shows the area of ground held in mining claims in the Coromandel district; the number of men employed as wages-men and tributers respectively; the number of tons of stone and tailings treated, and the yield of gold therefrom, for the year ending the 31st March, 1893:—

Locality and Name of Mine or Company.	Area of Land held.	Average No. of Men Employed.		For Owners.		For Tributers.		Tailings.																					
		Wages-men.	Tributers.	Quartz crushed.	Gold obtained.	Quartz crushed.	Gold obtained.	Quantity treated.	Gold obtained.																				
Coromandel County.																													
Tokatea Range—																													
Tokatea	14	2	0	..	9	..	..	43	6	0	162	14	..	..															
Royal Oak	10	2	27	..	5	..	..	1	9	20	296	0	..	..															
Bismarek	11	1	38	..	3	..	..	0	6	106	79	19	..	..															
Harbour View	5	0	0	..	2	..	..	1	4	1	16	17	..	..															
Rob Roy	3	0	0	..	2	85	10	0	23	10	..	..	..	..															
Mayn's (Blow)	5	0	0	2	..	105	0	0	17	1	..	..	..	..															
W. Mayn's Claim ..	6	0	0	2	..	2	0	38	31	8	..	..	..	..															
Blue Peter	3	0	0	1	..	8	0	0	10	18	..	..	..	..															
Sundry claims	20	0	0	10	..	50	0	0	81	19	..	..	..	..															
	78	2	25	15	21	250	10	38	164	16	46	6	15	555	10	..	..												
Kapanga—																													
Kapanga and Coromandel ..	108	0	3	44	9	286	0	0	177	0	40	0	0	127	7	..	..												
Scotty's	29	1	20	4	5	110	1	38	97	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Colthurst's Claim ..	2	0	0	1	..	9	10	0	28	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Premier	5	0	0	1	..	3	10	0	11	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
	144	1	23	50	14	409	1	38	314	11	40	0	0	127	7	..	..												
Tiki—Castle Rock												3	0	0	2	..	0	2	54	31	0	..	..	..	..				
Kopukaitahi—McDonald's ..	6	0	0	1	..	0	0	42	5	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Waikoromiko—Dyer	10	0	0	3	..	1	0	57	14	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Lillis's	10	0	0	2	..	2	10	0	127	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Opitonui—Little's	10	0	0	3	..	0	16	10	15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Ryan	10	0	0	2	..	0	0	6	20	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Owera	10	0	0	12	..	1,496	0	0	1,921	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Mahakirau	12	0	0	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Matarangi—Ocean View ..	14	2	30	6	..	34	0	0	100	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Sundry claims	20	0	0	10	..	25	0	0	50	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
	105	2	30	45	..	1,559	9	57	2,284	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Kuaotunu—																													
Try Fluke	19	0	7	32	..	4,116	0	0	2,186	0	..	..	..	1,542	550	0	0												
Kuaotunu	15	0	0	5	..	250	0	0	191	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Red Mercury	14	0	0	24	..	2,291	0	0	2,307	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Great Mercury	28	0	0	33	..	2,312	0	0	2,304	0	..	..	..	1,190	461	11	11												
Just-in-Time	8	2	24	..	5	..	..	..	276	0	0	321	18	..	..	..	..												
Mariposa	4	2	6	12	..	300	0	0	171	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Irene	7	2	0	8	..	333	10	0	257	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Otama	20	1	20	2	2	4	0	0	50	0	19	0	0	373	0	..	..												
Black Jack	10	1	3	3	..	37	10	0	154	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Waitaia	30	0	0	3	..	50	0	0	71	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Invicta	8	0	0	2	..	30	0	0	26	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
Excelsior	9	0	20	3	..	74	0	0	19	7	..	..	..	28	11	13	13												
Sundry claims	20	0	0	8	..	..	..	..	50	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..												
	194	2	0	135	7	9,798	0	0	7,788	15	295	0	0	694	18	2,760	1023	4											
Totals												523	0	38	245	42	12,017	1	21	10,553	1	381	1	6	1877	15	2,760	1023	4

Mahakirau.

On my former visit to this field some three years ago, Mr. Reynolds and party were prospecting a small leader of quartz, from which some very rich specimens were obtained. This leader is on the side of the range facing the Mahakirau Creek, about four miles above Mr. Hooker's farm in the Mahakirau Valley, and is about eight miles from Mercury Bay. Since that time Mr. Reynolds has