

Crawford's Special, now known as the *St. Hippo Mine* (St. Hippo Gold-mining Company, owners).—The low level was cleared, and driving done on the reef for a further distance of 182ft. The continuation of the run of gold worked above was stoped out over this level; 328 tons were crushed for a yield of 484oz. 5dwt. of gold. Fourteen wages-men were employed.

Queen of Beauty (Thomas A. Dunlop, owner).—Several parties of tributers were employed for a portion of the year; 25 tons of quartz were crushed for 20oz. of gold.

KARAKA DISTRICT.

Adelaide Mine (G. W. Bull and party, owners).—This mine is entirely worked on tribute. Six men are employed, who have confined their operations to stoping out blocks of the reef that had been left when the ground was worked by the owners; 112 tons of quartz yielded 89oz. of gold.

Claremont Mine (George Briant, owner).—The quartz from this mine is chiefly from small veins and flinties. The owner crushed 7 tons 10cwt. 44lb. of quartz and specimens for a rich yield of 779oz. 7dwt., and a tributer in the mine crushed 30lb. for 14oz. 12dwt., of gold.

Lone Hand Mine (Lone Hand Gold-mining Company, owners).—This mine now includes the Dives Licensed Holding. A cross-cut was put in for a distance of 320ft. from the Occidental low level through the Dives in the direction of the Lone Hand ground. Stoping on the leaders in the Lone Hand section was carried on by the company, and tributers worked reefs and leaders in both sections of the mine. 17 tons were crushed for the owners, yielding 80oz. 15dwt., and 307 tons for tributers gave 301oz. 19dwt., of gold. Four wages-men and fourteen tributers were employed.

Onehunga Claim (Murland and party, owners).—The party crushed 29 tons for 36oz. 15dwt. of gold.

Karaka Mine (Smith and party, owners).—This mine is worked by five shareholders. They have a battery of five stamps, driven by water-power, and have crushed 473 tons for 144oz. 14dwt. of gold.

Ophir Claim.—This mine was also worked by five shareholders, who crushed 93 tons 10cwt. 34lb. for 71oz. 13dwt. of gold.

A considerable amount of prospecting and surface-working is done in this district. Parcels amounting to 139 tons 13cwt. 20lb. were crushed for 255oz. 15dwt. of gold.

UNA HILL AND TE PAPA DISTRICT.

Occidental (Occidental Gold-mining Company, owners).—This mine was worked by tributers, who crushed 124 tons for 264oz. 8dwt. of gold. Ten tributers were employed.

Pride of Karaka (Pride of Karaka Gold-mining Company, owners).—In this mine there is a main reef which averages about 8in., and a leader averaging about 6in. in width. There has been about 380ft. of driving done, 80 fathoms of reef stoped out, and 36ft. sunk in winzes during the year. The company crushed 25 tons for 66oz. 4dwt., and the tributers 114 tons for 127oz., of gold. One wages-man and six tributers were employed.

Magnolia (Magnolia Gold-mining Company, owners).—This mine has been worked on tribute. The workings are in the surface portions, on the hill-side. 252 tons were crushed for a return of 104oz. 5dwt. of gold. Six tributers were employed.

Homeward Bound and Rose (Thomas Boyle and party, owners).—Five men are employed. The workings are on the surface portions of the leaders in Murphy's Hill. The two principal leaders are from 4in. to 8in. in thickness. 130ft. of driving was done, and 85 fathoms of leader stoped out. 122 tons of general quartz were crushed for 248oz. 19dwt., and 127lb. of picked stone for 108oz. 10dwt.

The *Just in Time* and sundry other claims were worked. 59 tons 10cwt. yielded 56oz. 3dwt. of gold.

HAPE CREEK DISTRICT.

Consols Mine (Consols Gold-mining Company, owners).—This mine was worked on tribute, both in the surface levels and in the shaft. Six tributers were employed, and 225 tons crushed yielded 157oz. 5dwt. of gold. The mine is now abandoned, and the machinery sold.

Several other parties work in this district—viz., Fogarty, Brown, Wallace Brothers, Lyes, and others. The quartz crushed from these was 83 tons 4cwt. 86lb., for a yield of 85oz. 16dwt. of gold. Eight men on the average were employed.

OTUNUI DISTRICT.

The *Alpine Licensed Holding* of 30 acres has been taken up, and a little prospecting done. Four men are in this district, and 10 tons of quartz crushed yielded 5oz. 10dwt. of gold.

MATATOKE DISTRICT.

Teddy and party prospected in this district. A reef containing a little gold was discovered, and a claim of 10 acres marked out. Two small parcels of quartz, 10 tons and 90lbs., were crushed at Thames for a return of 2oz. 8dwt. of gold.

PURIRI DISTRICT.

With the exception of one party, that has been prospecting in this district since the New Year, no other work has been done, and there are no gold returns from here for the past year.

TAIRUA DISTRICT.

Bonnie Scotland (Finlay McLiver, owner).—The owner worked this mine for a considerable part of the year, but the returns did not yield sufficient to be payable, and he therefore obtained protection for the licensed holding; 57 tons of quartz yielded 110oz. 14dwt. of gold. Three men were employed.