

the output for the year ending the 31st March, 1894, by no less a sum than £42,095; the exact figures being,—

				£	s.	d.
Year ending 31st March, 1895	...	...	...	261,746	0	0
„ „ 1894	...	...	...	219,650	15	0
				£42,095	5	0

I have, &c.,

H. EYRE KENNY, Warden.

The Under-Secretary, Department of Mines, Wellington.

No. 2.

Mr. GEORGE WILSON, Inspector of Mines, to the UNDER-SECRETARY of MINES, Wellington.

SIR,—

Inspector of Mines' Office, Thames, 21st May, 1895.

I have the honour to forward the following report on mining in the northern districts of Auckland:—

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.

Very little if any work has been carried on, and no report of quartz treated or silver obtained has been sent to me.

PUHIPUHI MINING DISTRICT.

Very little mining work was done in this district during the year. The shareholders of the Waipu Mine had two men employed for a short time, but no fresh discovery was made. A prospecting association, which proposed to employ a few men in prospecting, was formed, but work was not commenced.

MANGANESE.

Manganese is obtained in Waiheke and Kawau Islands, also at Otonga, Mangapai, Purua Bay, and Helena Bay in Whangarei district.

Messrs. John Chambers and Son report their shipments from Auckland were—9th May, 1894, 50 tons; 27th November, 2½ tons; 30th March, 1895, 190 tons; and that Mr. Thomson, of Waiheke, shipped in January last 150 tons: total, 392½ tons.

CINNABAR.

Ohaeawai.—The owners of the land have been carrying on prospecting operations near the hot springs in this district. A shaft was sunk to a depth of 110ft., and, in consequence of the difficulties through influx of water and the high temperature, work was suspended at the time of my visit on 17th April last. Another shaft has been sunk to a depth of 30ft., but this was filled up. A third shaft was sunk to a depth of 75ft., and a drive put in about 17ft. An adit-drive was being put in at the lowest available level in the ground—this was in 115ft.; but work was suspended until an air-shaft 35ft. in depth was sunk to ventilate the drive. A borehole, No. 1, was put down on the higher land to a depth of 105ft., but hot water was tapped, and a geyser throwing up water to a height of 30ft. was the result. This borehole was destroyed by removing the tubing. No. 2 borehole reached a depth of 95ft.: this was also destroyed. No. 3 borehole was in hand, and a depth of 60ft. was reached. In several places open trenches have been made, but in none of the above workings was any valuable deposit of cinnabar discovered.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE WILSON,

Inspector of Mines.

The Under-Secretary of Mines, Wellington.

No. 3.

Mr. GEORGE WILSON, Inspector of Mines, to the UNDER-SECRETARY of MINES, Wellington.

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Inspector of Mines' Office, Thames, 21st May, 1895.

I have the honour to forward the following report on mines in the Hauraki District for the year ending the 31st March, 1895:—

COROMANDEL COUNTY.

TOKATEA RANGE.

Tokatea Mine.—This mine has been worked on tribute. The chief work has been turning over old mullock-tips and picking out pieces of quartz, the best of which have been sent to the battery. Several surface-leaders have also been worked on. Seven tributers on the average were employed. and 11 tons 2cwt. 373lb. of quartz crushed for a yield of 99oz. 16dw. of gold.

Royal Oak Mine.—This mine has been worked by three parties of tributers. 2 tons 905lb. of quartz and specimens were crushed, for 340oz. of gold. Six men were employed.

Bismarck Mine.—This mine was worked by tributers. 2 tons 15cwt. of quartz yielded 54oz. 15dw. of gold.

Queen of the North Mine.—Prospecting-drives have been put in by the owner, but little, if any, quartz has been crushed.

Great Tokatea Mine.—The return from this mine has been small; 5cwt. of quartz yielded 11oz. 8dw. of gold.