

tributers. Forty-five tons of quartz crushed for the company yielded 55oz. 8dwt. of gold, and the tributers crushed 568 tons for 709oz. 19dwt. of gold. Ten wages-men and eleven tributers were employed.

Sundry parcels were treated from this district; 20 tons of quartz and 350 tons of mullock yielded 142oz. 1dwt. of gold, and 10,455 tons of tailings yielded 1,918oz. 9dwt. of gold. Twenty wages-men were employed.

WAIOTAHU DISTRICT.

Waiotahi Mine.—Work is steadily carried on in this mine; from twenty-five to thirty reefs and leaders are worked, varying from $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 3ft., but the greater number about 2in. 400ft. of driving cross-cuts and 500ft. on leaders has been done, and about 800 fathoms of quartz veins stoped out. 2,611 tons of company's quartz yielded 2,673oz. 19dwt. of gold, whilst the tributers crushed 822 tons for 144oz. 13dwt. of gold. Thirty-two wages-men and two tributers are employed.

Cambria Mine.—A considerable amount of work has been done in this mine. 260ft. of driving was done on seven reefs and leaders, varying from 2in. to 15in. in thickness, at No. 2 and 3 levels; 250 fathoms were stoped out; and 490 tons of quartz yielded 788oz. 6dwt. of gold. Twenty-one wages-men were employed at the mine and battery.

Fame and Fortune Mine.—A large amount of prospecting-work has been done in the mine. 850ft. of driving on reefs and leaders and 600ft. in cross-cuts did not lead to any success, and Mr. E. K. Cooper says there has been a loss of £3,500 for the year. 570 tons of quartz yielded 239oz. 3dwt., and tributers crushed 67 tons for 109oz. 2dwt. of gold. Twenty wages-men and six tributers were employed.

West Coast.—This mine is worked by the owners. Two men were employed, and 54 tons of quartz yielded 77oz. 9dwt. of gold.

New Fearnought.—Two men were employed on wages; 53 tons of quartz yielded 69oz. 17dwt. of gold. The mine was abandoned by the company towards the end of 1894.

Golden Age Mine.—Three tributers crushed 27 tons for 59oz. 19dwt. of gold.

Acme Mine.—Three tributers crushed 71 tons for 73oz. 15dwt. of gold. This mine was abandoned.

Little Maggie crushed 90 tons for 47oz. 13dwt.; Lavinia crushed 57 tons for 56oz. 2dwt.; Diggers' Friend crushed 11 tons for 17oz. 13dwt.; Hurm's Claim crushed 23 tons for 87oz. 7dwt.; Young Colonial crushed 125 tons for 33oz. 2dwt.; Little Mirth crushed 34 tons for 6oz. 10dwt.; and sundry other claims crushed 50 tons of quartz and 300 tons mullock for 100oz. of gold. Fifteen owners and wages-men were employed in this way.

WAIOKARAKA DISTRICT.

May Queen Mine.—A large amount of work was done in this mine during the year. The new cross-cut from the Saxon No. 6 level to the Queen of the May shaft has been completed, the distance driven being 1,337ft. The rock-drill was used in this work. The shaft was cleared out and repaired as soon as the water was lowered, and when communication was effected a winze was sunk. The work of opening levels on the reefs was at once commenced. Very encouraging prospects were met with, and the extensive block opened promises to be remunerative. Some time will elapse before the reefs in this section are sufficiently drained to admit of another winze being sunk under the workings further to the eastward. In the Saxon section work was continued on the leader that yielded handsome returns to tributers, and the company has met with payable quartz. 982ft. of driving was done on reefs, and 635 fathoms stoped out; 1,585 tons of quartz yielded 2,299oz. 16dwt. of gold; and from the tributers' workings 1,128 tons were crushed for 1,710oz. of gold. Sixty-four wages-men and thirty-four tributers were employed.

Queen of Beauty Mine.—Work in this mine has been suspended pending the adoption of a scheme for working the deep levels from this shaft.

Crawford's Special or St. Hippo Mine.—The work done in this mine was in the Nana section, at Collarbone; 157 tons of quartz yielded 172oz. 9dwt., and tributers crushed 75 tons for 99oz. 6dwt. of gold. The mine was abandoned by the company, but the land has again been taken up. Four wages-men and two tributers were employed.

The *Lucky Ship*, *Taylor's*, and sundry other claims were worked, and 170 tons of quartz yielded 108oz. 11dwt. of gold.

KARAKA DISTRICT.

Adelaide Mine.—This mine has again been worked on tribute; 102 tons were crushed for 106oz. 10dwt. of gold. Seven tributers were employed.

Claremont Mine.—The owner, Mr. George Briant, crushed 112lb. of stone for 69oz. 9dwt. of gold, and a tributer 30lb. for 23oz. 11dwt. of gold.

Lone Hand Mine.—This mine has again been worked entirely by tributers; ten were employed, and 155 tons 10cwt. and 84lb. were crushed for 387oz. 8dwt. of gold.

Onehunga Claim.—This claim, four men's ground, was worked and owned by John Garland, J. Lynch, and party; 35 tons 10cwt. and 18lb. were crushed for 184oz. 10dwt. of gold. Four men were employed.

Karakaka Claim.—The owners, four men, crushed 224 tons for 183oz. 3dwt., and one tributer obtained 39oz. 14dwt. from 19 tons quartz.

The *Little Willie Claim*, near the old Lucky Hit, was lately taken up, and 20lb. of stone were crushed for 24oz. 18dwt. of gold. Sundry other claims yielded 146oz. 9dwt. of gold from 88 tons of quartz. Thirteen men were employed.

UNA HILL AND TE PAPA DISTRICT.

Occidental Mine.—This mine was worked by tributers. No new ground was opened, but six men crushed 80 tons and 204lb. for 174oz. 10dwt. of gold.