

Name.	Locality in which Operations are being carried on.	Share Capital.	British Office.
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Tokatea Consols	Coromandel ..	100,000	45 and 46, Broad Street Avenue.
Tokatea of Hauraki	" ..	150,000	63 and 64, New Broad Street.
Triumph Hauraki Gold-mines	" ..	100,000	Finsbury House.
Tui Gold-mines	Tui Creek ..	100,000	8, Old Jewry.
Union Waihi Gold-mining Company	Waihi ..	200,000	11, Abchurch Lane.
United New Zealand Exploration	General ..	250,000	22, Austinfriars.
Victor Waihou Gold-mining Company	Karangahake ..	170,000	63 and 64, New Broad Street.
Waihi Consolidated Gold-mines	Waihi ..	200,000	39, Lombard Street.
Waihi Gold-mining Company	" ..	160,000	11, Abchurch Lane.
Waihi Grand Junction	" ..	150,000	18, Finsbury Circus.
Waihi Proprietary Company	General ..	175,000	Bishopsgate Street House, E.C.
Waihi Silvertown Extended	Waihi ..	60,000	23, College Hill, E.C.
Waihi Gladstone	" ..	100,000	8, Old Jewry.
Waihi New	Thames ..	160,000	11, Abchurch Lane.
Waitaia Gold-mines	General ..	100,000	82, Gordon Street, Glasgow.
Waitekauri Consolidated Gold-mines	Waitekauri ..	120,000	Swan Chambers, E.C.
Waitekauri Central	" ..	65,000	63, New Broad Street.
Waitekauri Cross	" ..	100,000	19A, Coleman Street.
Waitekauri Extended	" ..	180,000	63 and 64, New Broad Street.
Waitekauri Gold	" ..	150,000	11, Abchurch Lane.
Waitekauri United	" ..	150,000	Finsbury House, E.C.
Waitekauri Union Claims	Hauraki ..	300,000	College Hill Chambers.
Whangamata Proprietary	Whangamata ..	200,000	College Hill Chambers.
Woodstock	Karangahake ..	150,000	6, Drapers' Gardens.

NORTH ISLAND.

PUHIPUHI MINING DISTRICT.

Operations in this district have not been carried on with much vigour, although attention is still directed to the quartz-workings. The following special claims are now held for mining purposes:—

ABSTRACT of LICENSES for SPECIAL CLAIMS issued from the Warden's Office at Whangarei, in the Puhipuhi Mining District, and registered on or before the 31st March, 1898, in the Books of the Mining Registrar at Whangarei:—

Date of License	Area.	Locality.	Block.	Survey District.	Name of Claim.	Name of Registered Owner.
12/2/96	A. R. P. 94 2 12	Puhipuhi ..	III.	Hukerenui	Plymouth Rock ..	British Gold- and Silver-mining Co. (N.L.).
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	New Puhipuhi ..	New Puhipuhi Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Mikado ..	British Gold- and Silver-mining Co. (N.L.).
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Success ..	J. Harrison.
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Waimarie ..	Waimarie Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
11/9/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Dr. Jim ..	Dr. Jim Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
11/9/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Success Extended ..	J. Harrison.
23/12/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Uitlander ..	George E. Alderton.
9/9/97	100 0 0	Puhipuhi State Forest	III.	"	Great Northern No. 1	David Nairn Shaw (Glasgow, Scotland).
9/9/97	100 0 0	Ditto ..	III.	"	Great Northern No. 2	Ditto.
9/9/97	96 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Great Northern No. 3	"
17/2/98	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Star of England ..	Montezuma Gold-mining Co.
17/2/98	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Star of England Ext.	Montezuma Gold-mining Co., Te Aroha.

Operations in this field have been almost nil during the past year. The owners of the British Company's Mine failed to induce any of the mining syndicates to advance funds to further work their claims, and two of them were surrendered. Another party has taken up the ground, but has not yet made a commencement towards carrying on further works, although two men have lately been prospecting near the surface. Several other claims that had been surrendered were again taken up by fresh owners, and from two of these areas—the Star of England Nos. 1 and 2—it is intended to send parcel of 100 tons of silver-bearing ore to be treated at the Montezuma thermo-hyperphoric plant at Te Aroha.

At Kauri Mountain matters have remained at a standstill, and, as far as can be learned, the prospects met with have not been of much importance.

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No further operations have been carried on in working the cinnabar and free mercury deposits near the hot springs.

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.

Mining operations have not been vigorously carried on. Many of the claims taken up have been entirely neglected, and the results from the chief mines so far have not proved of very great importance.

The following list shows the whole of the claims registered, and for which titles were in existence, at the end of the year:—