ABSTRACT of LICENSES for SPECIAL CLAIMS and LICENSED HOLDINGS issued from the Wardens' Offices—*continued.*

Date of License.	Area.			Locality.	Block.	Survey District.	Name of Claim.	Name of Registered Owner.
					Stafford.			
	A.	R.	P.					
23/5/90	8	0	0	..	XV.	Waimea ..	Callaghan's ..	J. Doyle and party.
1/2/97	30	0	0	..	V.	Otira ..	Taipo Sluicing Co...	H. P. Hill.
1/2/97	27	1	3	..	II.	Waimea ..	Lamplough Cement Gold Co.	James D. Gillies.
2/9/97	7	1	39	..	XV.	" ..	Goldsborough ..	J. McWhirter and party.
1/9/97	17	0	0	..	V.	Otira ..	Taipo	H. P. Hill.
1/12/85	28	0	0	..	XIV.	Waimea ..	Wheel of Fortune ..	G. F. Batchelor.
28/8/89	4	0	0	..	"	" ..	Stafford	Benjamin Lyons.
14/5/97	100	0	0	..	VIII.	Turiwhate ..	Taipo	Michael McInerney.
14/5/97	100	0	0	..	"	" ..	"	T. Stafford and another.
					Ahaura.			
10/9/92	45	0	0	..	VIII.	Mawheranui	New Bendigo Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.)	Nelson Creek Gold-mining Co.
24/4/93	5	1	5	..	"	"	Larkin and Party ..	Richard Larkin.
24/4/93	11	1	0	..	VII.	"	Donnellan and Sons	Patrick, John, Peter, and William Donnellan.
25/9/93	19	1	36	..	VIII.	"	Nelson Creek ..	Clement Parfitt, Michael Ward, Henry Brunetti, Patrick Gilligan, John Collins, and Edward Comerford.
30/3/94	49	2	23	..	I.	Kopara ..	Bell Hill	Bell Hill Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
18/5/96	48	2	34	..	X.	Mawheranui	No Town Gold-mining Co.	Clement Parfitt.
22/6/96	50	0	0	..	V.	Kopara ..	Bell Hill Surprise Gold-mining Co.	Henry Burger, James Malloy, David McConnor, James McConnor, Richard Clough, James Holmes.
27/7/96	42	3	30	..	II.	Ahaura ..	Perseverance ..	George Erickson and two others.
26/4/97	49	3	19	..	III.	Mawheranui	Montgomerie Terrace	Thomas Jones.
11/11/95	30	0	0	..	"	"	Republic Hydraulic Sluicing Co.	Thomas Baxter, James Baxter, Thomas Jones, William Baxter, Alfred Ford, John Walsh, Henry Bignell, John Fitzgerald, and six others.
11/11/95	28	3	3	..	VIII.	"	Nelson Creek ..	Nelson Creek Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
27/7/96	20	0	0	..	II.	Ahaura ..	Young Napoleon Gold-mining Co.	Lemon W. Garrod and eleven others.
28/9/96	10	0	3	..	VIII.	Mawheranui	Larkins and Party	Richard Larkins and five others.
26/4/97	30	0	0	..	"	"	German Gully ..	David Flannery.
24/1/98	5	3	28	..	I.	Ahaura ..	The Arthur Lease ..	Arthur Brooks and Arthur Dunn.

MARLBOROUGH.

Mahakipawa District.

King Solomon Mine.—The shaft, which is 120 ft. in depth, is well lined, and fitted with an efficient ladder. Power is obtained from a 30 ft. overshot water-wheel. The level at the bottom of the winding-shaft is on the run of washdirt towards the south-east some 300 ft. Small parties of miners continue working on the upper parts of the stream, and generally earn fair wages.

Wakamarina Gorge Claim.—Operations are now being actively carried on from the upper end of the gorge. The stuff is filled into trucks and taken on the incline tramway to the top of the dam, where it is emptied into sluice-boxes. Two sets of pumps, 3 ft. to 5 ft. stroke, raise the water to the surface. There are fourteen men employed, and considerable improvements have recently been made. The works are now in such forward progress that it will be possible to obtain the washdirt from the main bottom for a considerable portion of the full length of the gorge. In taking up the gravel a bar of rock was found lying across the old channel. This was cut through to a depth of about 10 ft. The length of the basin immediately above the bar is about 100 ft., and, saving accident by floods, this part will soon be worked out.

On the north of the Wairau River gold is occasionally worked in all the tributaries from Onamulutu up to and for some distance past Top Valley Stream. The returns are, on the whole, of a very moderate value.

Individual miners throughout the district appear in most instances to be doing very well, and several nice parcels of gold won by these men during the past few months, have been shown. Hydraulic sluicing on the scale in vogue in the southern districts is not practised here, though the country bears favourable indication that this form of mining would, if carried out in a systematic manner, be productive of profitable results. A very primitive form of mining is much practised during the summer months in the beds of the rivers and creeks, and is known as "blind stabbing." The miner, with a rod, on the end of which is placed some adhesive material, stirs up the auriferous wash, and, the water having cleared, secures the specs of gold on the adhesive substance, usually tallow, on the rod. By this extremely primitive method miners sometimes obtain gold that gives small wages on the Wakamarina, Quartz, Arm Chair, and Tipperary Creeks. A number of dredging claims have been applied for recently, and though only one—the Wakamarina Dredging Com-