

The following statement of the quantity and value of gold entered for exportation for the year ended 31st March, 1899, shows by the material increase in the quantity exported that this industry continues to be of very great importance:—

Name of District.	Year ended. 31st March, 1898.		Year ended 31st March, 1899.		Increase for 1899.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£	Oz.
Auckland	108,490	401,602	148,183	545,463	39,693
Marlborough	619	2,400	621	2,406	2
Nelson	758	2,853	1,720	6,882	962
West Coast	66,121	264,481	74,700	298,824	8,579
Otago	75,504	304,862	78,289	315,306	2,785
Canterbury	..	..	12	49	12
Totals	251,492	976,198	303,525	1,168,930	52,033

The hopeful anticipations of a substantial increase in value of the yield of gold for this year are in a great measure realised, especially in quartz-mining and dredging.

QUARTZ-MINING.

The developments in quartz-mining have been of a very satisfactory character for the past year, and many of the operations conducted have met with marked success. This industry continues to attract great attention from mining investors, and capital is constantly forthcoming in the development of mines, and in the erection of necessary machinery.

The majority of claims taken up about three years ago have been surrendered, and operations are now chiefly conducted in the older claims, and in the mines that recently have been the best gold-producers. There are, however, a number of places where newer mines are being opened, and on which the necessary machinery is being erected, that give favourable promise of future gold-production. It may be said that the pursuit of this class of mining is now carried on on a more stable footing, and the great increase in the yield of gold from this source gives proof that a legitimate conduct of operations has been productive of such a successful issue.

The following list of companies outside the colony connected with New Zealand mining shows that the interest taken in this industry is still maintained:—

Name.	Locality in which Operations are being carried on.	Nominal Share Capital.	London Office.
		£	
Achilles Gold-mines	Otago	92,000	6, Queen Street Place.
Anglo-Continental Gold Syndicate (Limited)	General	100,000	Austinfriars, London.
Anglo-New Zealand Mines Investment	"	100,000	54 and 55, London Wall.
Apakura Syndicate	"	1,800	10, Bloomfield Street.
Aroha Gold-mines	Aroha	100,000	30 and 31, St. Swithin's Lane.
Australasian Gold Trust	Taitapu, Nelson	500,000	9, St. Mildred's Court, E.C.
Blagrove's Freehold Gold-mining Company	Coromandel	62,500	97, Dashwood House, E.C.
Blue Spur and Gabriel's Gully Consolidated Gold-mining Company	Otago	130,000	6, Great St. Helen's, E.C.
Britannia (Hauraki) Gold-mining Company	Coromandel	100,000	34 and 36, Gresham Street, E.C.
C.N.Z. Syndicate	General	10,000	
Collingwood Goldfields	Collingwood, Golden Bay	150,000	46, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.
Colville Company	Coromandel	7,500	7, Drapers' Gardens, E.C.
Consolidated Goldfields of New Zealand	Reefton	225,000	11 and 12, Cornhill, E.C.
Coromandel Exploration Syndicate	General	2,000	6, Great St. Helen's.
Cromwell Proprietary	"	100,000	54, Old Broad Street, E.C.
Dolcoath Gold-mining Company (Hauraki Peninsula, New Zealand)	Coromandel	150,000	142 and 143, Palmerston Build- ings, E.C.
Dual Syndicate	General	10,000	3, Clement's Lane, E.C.
East Hauraki Gold-mining	Coromandel	100,000	Finsbury House.
Ethel Reef Gold-mining Company	Te Aroha	200,000	Dashwood House, E.C.
Fame and Fortune	Thames	50,000	110, Cannon Street.
Finance, Mines, Industries Association	"	5,000	
Fortuna (Hauraki) Gold-mines	Thames	50,000	3, Laurence Pountney Hill, E.C.
Glenrock Consolidated (Limited)	General	225,003	35, Queen Street, E.C.
Gloucester Gold-mining Company	Thames	120,000	Throgmorton House, E.C.
Golden Blocks	Taitapu, Nelson	100,000	11, Old Broad Street, E.C.
Golden Eclipse Mine (Hauraki)	Thames	75,000	
Golden Lead of Hauraki	Coromandel	100,000	Moorgate Court, E.C.
Golden Pah (Hauraki)	"	62,500	97, Dashwood House, E.C.
Goldfields of Hauraki Prospecting Syndicate	General	3,000	53, New Broad Street, E.C.
Goldfields of New Zealand	"	100,000	13, St. Helen's Place, E.C.
Gold Trust of New Zealand	"	100	4, Great Winchester Street, E.C.
Good Luck Gold-mines of New Zealand		75,000	
Grey Consolidated	Grey	200,000	15 and 16, George Street, S.W.
Hauraki Associated Gold Reefs	Coromandel	100,000	Winchester House.
Hauraki (Auckland) Goldfields Syndicate	General	10,000	36, Basinghall Street, E.C.
Hauraki Development Syndicate	Thames	25,000	
Hauraki East	General	150,000	6 and 7, Grocers' Hall Court, E.C.
Hauraki Golden Age Mines	Thames		13 and 14, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
Hauraki Golden Bay Mines	General	150,000	8, Old Jewry, E.C.