

"The Government road from Blind Bay to Whangaparapara is nearly completed, and when that is done the mines will be more accessible. The Barrier Reefs Company contemplate the erection of a stamp-mill on Kaitoke Creek in the near future, and the work of that company and of the Melville Corporation, which holds an option on the Great Barrier Mine, should make this part of the Barrier more lively than it has ever been before."

COROMANDEL DISTRICT.

This district comprises the whole of the Coromandel County. Operations have been vigorously carried on in the Coromandel, Tokatea, Opitonui, and Kuaotunu districts, but little or no mining-work has been done in the more northerly and the southerly portions of the field during the year.

The Hauraki, Kapanga, Royal Oak, and Hauraki Associated Mines have been the chief gold-producers, and the extensive developments in the Kauri Freehold Company's mines, and at Kuaotunu, will largely add to next year's gold-production.

The following list shows the licenses for claims now held in the Coromandel and Kuaotunu districts, and it will be seen, on comparison with last year's list, that a very large proportion of the holdings have been surrendered:—

ABSTRACT of LICENSES for SPECIAL CLAIMS and LICENSED HOLDINGS issued from the Warden's Office at Coromandel, in the Hauraki Mining District, and registered on or before the 31st March, 1899, in the Books of the Mining Registrar at Coromandel.

Date of License.	Area.	Locality.	Block.	Survey District.	Name of Claim.	Name of Registered Owner.
	A. B. P.					
10/7/97	100 0 0	Kennedy Bay	II.	Coromandel	Akarana	Golden Butterfly Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
5/11/96	20 0 0	Coromandel	V.	"	Albion	Hauraki Main Lodes (Ltd.).
20/11/95	78 3 37	"			Albion Extended ..	"
31/3/98	59 2 0	"	IX.	Harataunga	Avondale Warrior ..	John Bollard.
8/11/97	83 2 0	Kennedy Bay	IV.	"	Bay View	Bay View Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
23/12/96	63 2 0	Matamata-harakeke	VI.	"	"	"
18/2/96	100 0 0	Coromandel	"	Coromandel	Beatrice	Hauraki Golden Bay Mine (Ltd.).
2/7/95	18 0 30	Tokatea ..	II.	"	Bismarck Extended	J. H. Witheford.
21/8/95	38 1 8	"		"	Britannia	Britannia Hauraki Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
5/8/97	98 0 0	Kikowhakarere	I.	"	British Kapanga Freehold Proprietary	James Halley.
5/8/97	60 0 0	"	"	"	Ditto Extended ..	"
27/8/95	2 0 12	Coromandel	V.	"	Bunker's Hill ..	Bunker's Hill Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
27/8/95	1 0 0	"		"	Bunker's Hill Extd.	"
21/2/98	90 0 0	Kennedy Bay	VII.	"	Castle Rock Consolidated No. 1	Kauri Freehold Gold Estates (Ltd.).
21/2/98	90 0 0	"	"	"	Ditto No. 2 ..	"
21/2/98	90 0 0	"	"	"	" No. 3 ..	"
21/2/98	90 0 0	"	XI., VI.	"	" No. 4 ..	"
21/2/98	90 0 0	"	VII., XI.	"	" No. 5 ..	"
21/2/98	90 0 0	"	"	"	" No. 6 ..	"
21/2/98	90 0 0	"	XI.	"	" No. 7 ..	"
21/2/98	90 0 0	"	"	"	" No. 8 ..	"
21/2/98	90 0 0	"	"	"	" No. 9 ..	"
25/7/98	100 0 0	"	X.	"	Charley Beresford ..	John Lynch.
6/6/98	54 0 29	"	II.	"	City of Chester ..	"
2/3/98	28 3 3	"	XII.	"	Colorado	William Whitaker.
14/4/96	30 0 0	Tokatea ..	II.	"	Cuirassier	Cuirassier Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
1/9/96	14 3 21	"		"	Cuirassier Surplus ..	"
25/6/98	96 1 13	Coromandel	VI.	"	Empress	Empress Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
21/7/97	50 0 0	"	II.	"	Forest Queen ..	Frederick Charles Ring Horne.
10/3/96	30 0 0	Tokatea ..	"	"	Four-in-Hand ..	Four-in-Hand Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
1/9/98	28 1 10	Coromandel	"	"	Good Luck	H. L. Smith and others.
31/3/98	92 2 22	"	XIV.	"	Golden Hill	F. G. Clayton.
6/10/96	18 2 0	"	III.	Hastings ..	"	"
30/11/95	100 0 0	Tokatea ..	V.	Coromandel	Golden Pah	Golden Pah Hauraki (Ltd.).
4/8/98	30 0 0	Coromandel	II.	"	Golden Shore ..	Hugh Davis.
22/3/97	93 1 28	Port Charles	"	Moehau ..	Golden Tokatea ..	J. D. Regan.
5/8/97	63 0 37	Tokatea ..	"	Coromandel	Grand Moehau Freehold Syndicate No. 1	Fitzgibbon Lough.
21/2/98	54 2 6	"	"	"	Harbour View ..	Harbour View Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
6/10/96	29 0 11	Coromandel	V.	"	Hauraki Gem	Matthew Dyer.
28/5/95	6 0 8	"	"	"	Hauraki	Hauraki Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
31/3/98	79 0 0	"	XIV.	"	Hauraki No. 2 ..	The Hauraki No. 2 Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
13/1/97	80 2 32	Cape Colville	III.	Hastings ..	Hauraki Queen ..	F. G. Clayton.
9/6/96	14 1 25	Coromandel	II.	Cape Colville	Hauraki Peninsula ..	W. White and G. Linnet.
30/6/97	13 0 0	"	V.	Coromandel	Hauraki South ..	Hauraki South Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
25/5/97	53 1 18	Cabbage Bay	VI.	"	Ida	Joseph Howard Witheford.
28/8/95	92 2 35	Coromandel	V.	Harataunga	Jersey	Jersey Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
4/10/94	99 3 27	"	I., II.	Coromandel	Kaka	Hauraki Golden Bay Mines (Ltd.).
15/12/97	29 1 7	Kapanga ..	VI.	"	Kapanga	Kapanga Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
24/1/96	15 3 14	Manaia ..	XIV.	"	Kapanga Township..	Hugh Campbell and J. J. Duross.
31/3/98	98 2 33	Coromandel	XIII., XIV.	"	Native	Ernest C. Daldy.
9/3/99	2 2 0	"	II.	"	Little Minnie ..	F. G. Clayton.
11/2/96	14 2 28	"	VI.	"	Miners	A. B. Kelly and W. Dwyer.
5/8/97	94 1 24	"	"	"	New Hauraki ..	New Hauraki Gold Properties (Ltd.).
					New Hauraki Gold Properties (Ltd.) No. 1	"