

Kuranui Caledonian Mine.—This company did a large amount of work in the beginning of the year from the Caledonian Shaft, at Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 levels, on the different reefs and leaders that have been cut in their mine, but, being unfortunate in not finding gold in sufficient quantities in the reefs or leaders to pay, they determined to stop operations on their own account, and have since let a great portion of the mine on tribute. There are at present sixty men engaged working out blocks of ground on tribute on the various leaders in the mine. The company crushed 180 tons 10 cwt. of ore and 144 lbs. of picked stone, for a return of 204 oz. 16 dwt. of gold, value £550 4s. 10d.; and the tributers crushed 412 tons of general dirt and 795 lbs. of picked stone, for 1044 oz. 18 dwt. of gold, value £2,792 4s. 2d.

MOANATAIARI.

Moanataiari Mine.—This company did a very large amount of work the first six months of the year in the Point Russell and Cambria sections of the mine, but the quartz that was treated from the reefs at their own battery proved very disappointing, and in consequence the company were reluctantly compelled to reduce the number of men they had employed on wages. During the latter part of the year the company's operations have been chiefly confined to developing the Cambria reef from a low level which is connected with the Moanataiari shaft. Thirty-four wages-men are employed by the company. A large portion of the mine is now let on tribute on the various reefs and leaders from the No. 3 level to the surface, and some of the tributers are meeting with a fair amount of success. During the year the company crushed 3,102 tons of ore, from various parts of the mine, for 1,367 oz. of gold, value, £3,844 7s. 9d., and the tributers crushed 1,049 tons of general dirt for 1,811 oz. 11 dwt. of gold, value, £4,588 0s. 10d. Seventy-three men are engaged tributing on the various leaders.

New Alburnia Mine.—This company has consistently employed a large number of men in developing their mine, but, so far, have been unsuccessful in meeting with any important discoveries, which is to be regretted, as the company has spent a large sum of money in opening up the mine. The company erected a powerful winding-engine and poppet-legs for the purpose of proving the reefs at deeper levels. The shaft has been sunk a total depth of 633 ft., and a cross-cut has been driven from the Sons of Freedom level to connect with the shaft at a depth of 603 ft. This has given good ventilation, and a considerable saving will be effected by having only to raise the water that is met with in the shaft at a depth, to this level, instead of having to pump it to the surface. Stopping operations have also been carried on at the No. 4 and No. 5 levels on the Dickson and Sons of Freedom reefs, which would average 3 ft. 6 in. in thickness, but the quartz treated did not prove payable. One thousand three hundred and eighty-five tons of general dirt and 30 lb. of picked was crushed, for a return of 252 oz. 19 dwt. of gold; value, £659 14s. 3d. Twenty-eight men were employed.

Tudor Mine.—Two men are employed driving on the Bendigo reef, who had 7 tons of quartz crushed, for 7 oz. 6 dwt. of gold.

Darwin Mine.—From two to four men have been employed in this mine driving on a reef at the low level, and 8 tons of quartz was crushed, for 7 oz. 10 dwt. of gold.

Freedom Mine.—Two men are employed in this mine, and 11 tons of quartz was crushed, for 10 oz. 6 dwt. of gold.

Golden Drop (late Londonderry) Mine.—Two men are employed in this mine, who are working on a small leader, from which they have crushed 3 tons of quartz, for a return of 16 oz. 6 dwt. of gold.

Work has also been carried on intermittently in the New Whau, Moanataiari North, and Orlando Mines.

GRAHAMSTOWN.

Victoria Mine.—The operations in this company's mine have been limited. At No. 1 level a cross-cut has been driven a distance of 271 ft. in a north-westerly direction from the shaft, with a view of intersecting any leaders that might traverse this section of the mine. A small leader was cut through at a distance of 107 ft. This was driven on, but nothing of importance was discovered, and the work in this direction was stopped. Stopping operations were carried on for a time on the Victoria reef, above No. 2 level, but as the quartz crushed from here did not prove payable the work was suspended. At the intermediate level between Nos. 2 and 3 levels a good deal of stopping was done on the Victoria reef, but the quartz treated did not prove payable. 131 tons of quartz have been crushed from this mine, for 58 oz. 17 dwt. of gold; value, £158 17s. 10d.

WAIOTAHU.

Waiotahi Mine.—This mine is still being steadily worked, and sufficient gold is being obtained from the quartz crushed from the various leaders operated upon to cover the working-expenses and pay the regular dividends, which must be very satisfactory to the shareholders. 1,090 tons of quartz were treated during the year, for 1,653 oz. 16 dwt. of gold; value, £4,571 5s. Sixteen men have been employed in the mine.

Nonpareil Mine.—This mine has been continuously worked during the year. The company has had six men employed on wages, the work being chiefly confined to the Wade reef, from which 34 tons of quartz have been crushed, for 208 oz. 11 dwt. of gold. There have also been ten tributers working in the mine for the greater part of the year on the Liverpool and Wade reefs, who crushed 154 tons of ore, for 234 oz. 15 dwt. of gold; value, £642 11s. 6d.

Hauraki Golden Age Mine.—A considerable amount of work was done in this mine in the early part of the year on the different reefs. The new forty-stamp battery was completed, and an aerial tramway was in course of construction for carrying the quartz from the mine to the mill, when some monetary difficulty arose and all work was stopped, and the mine was then protected. However, work has again been resumed under the management of Mr. E. K. Cooper, who has