

Archer Bros. (altered Name to Klean Coal-mine), Caplestone.—Work in the upper portion of No. 4 seam was stopped during the year and coal-production carried out from a lower tunnel 260 ft. long and 60 ft. vertically below the upper portion. Nos. 3 and 4 seams were intersected in the tunnel, the work of opening up being carried out in No. 4 seam, in which levels to the north and south have been advanced 5 chains and 4 chains respectively.

Coghlan's Mine, Caplestone.—The output from this mine was won from the extraction of pillars.

Coghlan's Freehold, Low Level.—Very little work was carried out at this mine, the two miners having been transferred to another portion of the Coghlan Freehold area.

Waitahu Mine (A. D. Williams), Reeflon.—Top Mine: Work was confined to the driving of three places in the solid, two levels and one rise heading; height of working, 5 ft. 6 in.

McKinlay's Mine: Output was secured partly from solid work and partly from pillar-extraction. The dip to the west was restarted and advanced to a distance of 280 ft. from the horse road, and from the dip a level to the north has been broken away.

Lewis and Party's Mine.—The output from this mine has been secured from two developing levels, one north and one south.

Victory Mine (Rollerson and Party), Waitahu.—Trouble has been encountered in the working of this mine due to faulting, and production ceased towards the end of the year.

Pyramid Mine, Reeflon.—Operations have been confined to the extraction of pillars from the lower and upper levels.

Burke's Creek Mine, Reeflon.—Pillar-extraction from the rise side of the horse road was carried out during the year. In the slant dip section solid work was completed during July at a point 24 chains inbye from slant dip. Pillar-extraction was then commenced and continued. A 63-in.-diameter single inlet "Sirocco" fan was installed in July.

Barnwell Mine, Reeflon.—The output during the first half of the year was from developing the places; during the latter half, from the cleaning up of fallen top coal in old workings and extraction of two pillars.

Terrace Mine, Reeflon.—Three development levels were driven in an easterly direction. Towards the end of the year a level cross-measure drive was set away to try to locate the No. 2 seam. A small fan has been installed.

Defiance Mine.—The output was won from development work and extraction of pillars in both the upper and the "Butler" seam mines. These are now being operated by two parties.

Clele Mine, Merrijigs.—Pillar-extraction in No. 1 section and part development and extraction of pillars in No. 2 section have been continued.

Imperial Coal Syndicate, Caplestone.—Production from this mine ceased early in the year, only about 200 tons having been won.

Nicholls' Mine, Caplestone.—Development work has continued.

BULLER DISTRICT

Mitchell's Mine, Charleston.—A small output was secured during the year from opencast work.

Warne's Mine, Charleston.—Production for the year was only six tons.

Bowder and Bryan's Mine, Charleston.—Opencast work was carried on for an output of approximately 500 tons.

Powell's Mine, Charleston.—No production.

Allan's Mine, Charleston.—Six tons of coal produced for the year.

Brighton Mine, Brighton.—A small quantity of coal has been produced by the leaseholder during the year.

Gleneryg Mine, Buller Gorge.—The output was secured chiefly from pillar-extraction.

Coal Creek Mine, Seddonville.—Work in the Lawrence section has ceased. Developing work is proceeding in Taipo section. A new section is being opened up from outbye the surface entrance to the Taipo section.

Cardiff Coal Co., Mokihini.—Operations were confined to development work.

Hydro Coal-mines, Ltd., Seddonville.—The output for the year was secured solely from pillar-extraction.

Charming Creek - Westport Coal Co., Ltd., Ngakawau.—Work was chiefly carried on in No. 2 east section, where six pairs of miners were employed on pillar-extraction and four pairs completing solid work in the section. New work consisted of the extension of the locomotive track to the mouth of the new drive, at which point new bins have been erected.

Westport-Cascade Mine, Cascade Creek.—The major portion of the output was secured from the extraction of pillars in sections known as Moynihan's and Durkin's; a new section known as Mill Creek is in process of being opened up, and development work is being carried out by one pair of miners.

Westport Coal Co., Ltd., Denniston.—Ironbridge Mine: Pillar-extraction is being carried out by four pairs of miners.

Coalbrookdale Mine: The output was won from the extraction of pillars in the Wharatea, Wharatea Extended, Cascade, and part of Forsyth's sections. In Forsyth's section development work is also being carried out. Percentage of output: 75 per cent. pillar and 25 per cent. solid coal. A heating occurred in the Wharatea Extended section, and this was sealed off by concrete brick stoppings.

Westport Coal Co., Ltd., Millerton Mine.—In the Mangatini area pillar-extraction was continued, on which three pairs of miners were employed. Mine Creek Area: The partial extraction of pillars, in conjunction with the working of coal left in depressions due to undulating of floor, has been carried out. Old Dip Area: Operations have consisted of partial extraction of pillars.

Westport-Stockton Coal Co., Ltd., Ngakawau.—Development work has been carried on in the old No. 2 area off the locomotive track road and also in the south side section. In the south section exceptionally wet conditions prevail. In McCabe's jig section ten pairs have been employed in the partial extraction of pillars. Pillaring has also been carried on in the west dip and stable sections. During the year work has been carried on in the making of a haulage road for locomotives preparatory to the opening-up of a new area of 400 acres secured from the Westport Coal Co.

Watson's Mine, Karamua.—This mine was abandoned during the year.

Harris' Mine, Karamua.—Work was resumed at this mine during the year.

Comet Mine, Tangahua.—Due to encountering badly faulted country, development work was terminated and pillar-extraction commenced in a section on the north side of the creek; towards the end of the year prospecting work was commenced on the south side.

Paine Bros.' Mine, Buller Gorge.—Production was commenced from this mine at the beginning of the year in an area adjacent to the old Rocklands Mine. Height of seam, 7 ft. 6 in. A mechanically operated ventilating fan is being installed.

Buller Gorge Mine, Rabui.—Owing to the steepness of the coal-seam opencast work had to be abandoned, and a pair of levels were driven underground. All available coal to the rise was extracted, and the present output is being secured from the levels. The life of the mine appears to be very limited.

NELSON DISTRICT

Paponga Mine, Paponga.—Operations at this mine ceased during the year.

Owen Colliery, Owen River, Murchison.—Output during the year was secured solely from the extraction of pillars.

Six-mile Mine, Murchison.—Prospecting-work was carried out at this mine, and the output secured from prospect levels in the 5 ft. vertical seam.

O'Rourke's Mine, Arikiri.—Production from this mine is secured from the driving of one place only.

Westhaven Mine, Mangarakau.—The output during the year was obtained solely through the driving of three places in the solid.

Glenhope Mine, Glenhope.—Work was intermittently carried on during the year for an output of approximately 100 tons.

MINE RESCUE STATION

All the trained men from the district mines attended the two-monthly practices, the number of trained rescue men on the station register being sixty-two at the end of the year.