

LIST OF PROSPECTING LICENSES for DREDGING PURPOSES, &c.—*continued.*

Date of Grant.	To whom License granted.	Area granted.	Locality.
1899.		Acres.	
Nov. 6	E. A. Wickes	100	New River.
" 6	E. A. Wickes	100	
" 6	John Baybutt	28	Near " Red Jack's.
" 6	Thomas Baybutt	100	"
" 6	Joseph Condry	100	"
" 6	Thomas Waugh	100	Cock-eye Creek, near Marsden.
" 6	Joseph Scott	100	Near Red Jack's.
" 6	J. T. Skoglund	100	Candlelight Creek.
" 6	Daniel Sheedy	100	
" 6	Thomas Waugh	100	Cock-eye Creek, near Marsden.
" 6	C. L. Morice	100	Card's Creek, Marsden.
" 6	H. Bignell	100	New River.
" 6	T. W. Ponsonby	100	"
" 6	J. W. Callwell	80	"
" 6	G. S. Cray	80	"
" 6	R. Nancarrow	100	Card's Creek.
" 6	Alfred Stinton	100	Canoe Creek, Barrytown.
" 6	H. W. Young	100	Near Barrytown.
" 6	H. W. Young	100	
" 6	G. B. Ritchie	100	Deadman's Creek, near Barrytown.
" 6	Thomas Joyce	100	Candlelight Creek.
" 6	E. I. Lord	100	
" 6	J. D. Gillies	60	New River.
" 6	James Thorburn	100	Near Barrytown.
" 6	R. Nancarrow	100	Portuguese Creek.
" 6	E. I. Lord	100	
" 6	James Trent	100	Near Barrytown.
" 6	A. W. Morse	100	Barrytown.
" 6	J. Ilton and another	30	New River.
" 6	J. Taylor	32	Stillwater Creek.
" 6	J. Keeney	100	North Beach.
" 20	P. Warren	50	Barrytown.
" 20	J. Trent	100	Near Barrytown.
" 20	R. Clough	100	Barrytown.
" 20	D. Ryan, jun.	99	
" 20	G. Winslow	100	Canoe Creek, near Barrytown.
" 20	W. E. Reynolds	100	
" 20	H. W. Young	50	Near "Canoe Creek, Barrytown.
Dec. 4	H. J. Jeffrey	100	
" 4	John Byrne	20	Saltwater Creek, near Paroa.
" 4	Pero White	40	Twelve-mile, North Beach.
" 4	R. W. Poschich	100	Canoe Creek, near Barrytown.
" 18	M. Ryan	100	Seven-mile, North Beach.
1900.			
Jan. 8	James Keeney	15	Cobden Road.
" 22	Andrew McKay	50	Near Fagan's Creek, Barrytown.
" 22	J. Isdell	65	Near Grey River.
Feb. 5	J. T. R. Delaney	40	Twelve-mile, Grey River.
" 5	T. McCarthy	100	Paroa.
" 5	Joseph Taylor	100	Kotuku.
" 5	John Gill	100	
" 19	John Byrne	20	Near Paroa.
Mar. 19	G. D. Wilson	100	Maori Creek.

DISTRICT OF AHAURA COURT.

Orwell Creek.

The population in this district is still stationary, but will no doubt increase when dredges get to work. Some ground-slucing is carried on when water is available; the want of it and irregularity of supply are the great drawbacks in this locality, inasmuch as there are no creeks for sixteen miles above Ahaura on the left bank, and none on the right bank which carry constant water.

There are two gold-dredging companies registered (Orwell Creek and Erickson's Reward) which purpose working two miles of Orwell Creek from Napoleon Hill downwards, the dredges for which are now building.

Moonlight.

There has been nothing new in the way of mining opened here during the past year. The population continues about the same—sixty-five—mostly employed in sluicing about the old worked ground. There are three companies registered for dredging in this creek, and every probability of several more. The contracts for building dredges for two of the companies have been let, and altogether the outlook for the place is promising. Coal is plentiful and easily got, and this will tend to the cheap working of dredges.

Half-ounce and Duffer's Creek.

There has been no change in this locality during the past year. The population remains about stationary, and finds employment both in sluicing and tunnelling. No new ground has been opened. Several areas in these creeks have been taken up under prospecting licenses, and two companies registered for gold-mining by steam-dredging.