

why a solid and healthy enterprise should not be built up if the investing public will only insist on the fullest guarantees that all the known conditions of success are complied with before they provide the capital for any new enterprise.

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A.—NUMBER OF PROSPECTING LICENSES AND SPECIAL CLAIMS GRANTED AND EXPIRED OR SURRENDERED DURING 1901.

	Prospecting Areas expired during Year ending 31st December, 1901.		Prospecting Areas granted during Year ending 31st December, 1901.		Special Claims surrendered during Year ended 31st December, 1901.						Special Claims granted during Year ended 31st December, 1901.					
					Dredging.		Sluicing.		Reefing.		Dredging.		Sluicing.		Reefing.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.
Greymouth ...	60	3,921	53	4,050	17	974	8	63	...	...	27	1,880	3	31	...	...
Ahaura ...	359	28,910	104	7,421	19	780	9	99	1	100	44	3,263	16	382	...	...
Reefton ...	88	5,842	24	1,942	1	12	7	147	18	807	6	338	...	...	6	406
Westport ...	94	5,980	10	775	3	244	5	226	2	107	9	721	3	39	5	256
Lyell ...	7	255	6	300	5	182	...	...	1	49	13	699	1	10	...	...
Murchison ...	46	2,443	20	1,253	5	383	1	20	...	...	10	415	7	279	...	...
Charleston ...	6	480	2	96	...	...	4	55	...	...	2	179	7	225	...	...
	660	47,831	219	15,837	50	2,575	34	610	22	1,063	111	7,495	37	966	11	662

B.—LIST OF COMPANIES having DREDGES ACTUALLY at WORK on their Claims on the 31st December, 1901.

Name of Gold-dredging Company.	Present Capital at Par of Company on which Dividends payable.	Borrowed on Deben-ture, Overdraft, or otherwise.	Location of Dredge.	Date of Com-pletion of Dredge.	No. of Hours worked from Date of start-ing to the 31st De-cember, 1901.	No. of Ounces of Gold won to the 31st Decem-ber, 1901.	Amount paid or declared in Dividends to Share-holders.
	£	£				Oz. dwt. gr.	£ s. d.
Maori Gully ..	8,900	..	Maori Gully ..	Dec. 7, 1901	67	Nil	Nil
Grey River ..	8,500	..	Grey River ..	Sept. 1, 1900	6,048	1,274 11 14	..
Ruby Creek ..	9,860	1,200	..	Oct. 18, 1901	..	3 9 0	..
North Beach ..	8,025	1,000	North Beach, Greymouth	Aug. 8, "	1,873	283 15 12	..
Leviathan ..	15,000	1,570	Near Greymouth	Dec. 5, 1900	4,750	865 10 9	..
Maori Queen ..	9,750	1,450	Maori Creek ..	April 13, 1901	3,023	292 15 13	..
Ahaura River ..	8,538	760	Ahaura River ..	June 14, "	2,482	304 13 20	..
Erickson's Reward	10,000	1,645	Orwell Creek ..	April 6, "	2,600	340 0 0	..
Caledonia ..	10,000	200	Above junction of Ahaura and Grey Rivers	Dec. 3, "	412	5 12 0	..
Ford's Creek ..	7,702	2,000	Junction of Ford's and Blackball Creeks	Dec., 1900	4,680	223 9 15	..
Great Lead ..	7,500	420	Grey River ..	Dec., 1901	..	..	..
Grey River Consolidated	10,000	690	..	June 10, "	2,430	255 17 12	..
Mosquito ..	10,000	..	Between Noble's and Napoleon Hill, Westland	Dec. 10, "	..	..	..
Orwell Creek ..	12,000	1,222	Orwell Creek ..	Oct. 23, "	960	..	..
Pactolus ..	9,375	..	Nelson Creek ..	Feb. 25, "	4,714	1,299 13 15	..
Red Jack's ..	9,000	1,025	Red Jack's Creek	Oct. 12, "	..	154 12 12	..
Totara Flat ..	8,940	2,000	Totara Flat ..	Nov. 15, "	..	6 0 0	..
Waipuna ..	6,000	1,900	Upper Grey River	June, 1900	3,120	934 16 4	..
Wareatea* ..	8,250	..	Fairdown, near Westport	Oct. 7, 1901	335	2 19 0	..
Welcome ..	9,900	..	Inangahua Junction, Buller River	Dec. 31, "	..	..	..
Rocklands Beach	10,854	238	..	Feb., "	4,492	179 0 0	..
Reeves's Proprietary	12,200	..	Boatman's Creek, near Caplestone	Nov., 1900	4,734	829 3 1	†610 0 0
Al ..	8,500	..	Cronadon, Reefton	June 6, 1901	3,439	907 12 6	425 0 0
Buller Junction	9,375	..	Buller River ..	Jan. 28, "	4,419	1,169 2 11	937 10 0
The Premier (Buller)	10,600	..	..	Nov. 30, "	..	5 10 0	..
Old Diggings ..	9,000	566	..	Aug., "	846	79 1 3	..
Mokoia ..	9,000	131	On Buller River	Oct., 1900	..	1,046 15 23	Nil
Kohikohi ..	12,000	1,000	Matakitaki River	Sept. 4, 1901	1,130	213 14 0	..
New River ..	7,000	948	New River (seven miles from Grey-mouth)	March, "	..	199 9 18	..
Nelson Creek ..	8,500	..	Nelson Creek ..	Jan. 1, "	5,043	2,061 1 18	2,550 0 0
No Town Creek	12,000	..	No Town Creek	Dec. 31, "	..	..	Nil
	296,269	19,965	..	..	61,767	12,938 6 14	4,522 10 0

* In liquidation.

† Payable in January, 1902.