

RETURNS of SIXTY-TWO DREDGES, showing the AVERAGE for each WORKING-WEEK and the DIVIDENDS PAID, for the Year ended 31st December, 1902.

Name of Company.	Capital.	Amount of Gold won.	Number of Weeks worked.	Average Return per Working-week.	Dividends paid.	Interest on Capital invested.
	£	Oz. dwt. gr.		Oz. dwt. gr.	£ s. d.	Per Cent.
Matau	7,000	1,046 10 0	37	28 5 16	1,225 0 0	17½
Dunstan Lead	17,487	1,345 4 0	42	32 0 13	..	..
Davis Bend	9,800	768 5 0	28	27 8 18	..	..
Monte Christo	10,000	735 0 0	20	36 15 0	480 0 0	5
Unlty	10,500	2,124 3 0	32	66 7 14	4,725 0 0	45
Alexandra Eureka	12,000	791 11 0	29	27 5 21	1,500 0 0	12½
Chicago	5,000	954 7 7	43	22 3 21	1,875 0 0	27½
Enterprise I.	7,000	1,723 9 1	46	37 9 7	5,600 0 0	80
Enterprise II.		1,474 13 20	44	33 10 7		
Earnsclough I.	11,000	1,386 1 9	42	33 0 0	2,700 0 0	24½
Earnsclough II.		2,929 19 1	35	83 14 6		
Manuherikia	12,000	1,847 11 13	30	61 11 17	4,800 0 0	40
Glyde	4,000	1,426 15 0	25	57 1 9	3,000 0 0	75
Molyneux Hydraulic	6,000	1,612 18 12	47	34 6 8	1,722 10 0	28
Olrig	7,000	1,604 10 19	46	34 17 15	2,443 1 0	35
Perseverance I.	14,000	2,009 2 19	44	45 13 5	8,050 0 0	57½
Perseverance II.		1,892 4 20	40	47 6 2		
Alexandra Lead	17,521	4,925 2 0	39	126 5 16	13,156 10 0	75
Fourteen-mile Beach	22,000	305 18 0	7	43 14 0	..	..
Golden River	10,000	606 17 0	16	37 18 13	1,000 0 0	10
Sailor's Bend	8 000	1,208 16 0	16	75 11 0	2,400 0 0	30
First Chance	7 000	1,191 2 4	13	91 12 11	3,150 0 0	45
Bendigo	11,000	675 0 0	13	51 18 11	..	..
New Teviot	3,500	1,062 10 5	34	31 5 0	..	..
Endeavour	10,000	846 19 2	33	25 13 7	..	..
Golden Gate	2,500	1,786 3 0	50	35 14 11	4,825 0 0	193
Golden Treasure	2,876	593 4 0	41	14 9 8	..	..
Golden Run	11,000	2,092 10 20	43	48 13 6	..	..
Ettrick	10,150	950 11 0	37	25 13 19	..	..
Otago	4,000	782 5 0	43	18 3 20	..	..
Otago II.		87 0 0	3	29 0 0		
Majestic	6,500	1,088 7 0	40	27 4 4	1,687 10 0	26
Coal Creek Flat	10,000	704 7 18	40	17 12 4	..	..
Golden Bed	12,706	1,095 5 0	39	28 1 16	..	..
Molyneux Kohinoor	10,500	619 17 11	26	23 16 19	481 5 0	4½
Long Valley	9,000	286 13 0	16	17 18 7	..	..
Island Block	24,130	297 15 12	18	16 10 20	..	..
New Roxburgh Jubilee	7,500	1,450 13 17	19	76 7 0	1,125 0 0	15
Lady Roxburgh	11,000	43 16 0	3	14 12 0	..	..
New Royal Maori	1,556	607 8 8	32	18 19 15	..	..
Point d'Or	10,625	502 11 0	30	16 15 0	..	..
Electric	26,000	5,129 8 0	40	128 4 16	15,600 0 0	60
Meg and Annie	7,500	1,829 4 0	36	50 16 5	3,600 0 0	48
Junction Electric I.	26,000	3,183 14 0	41	77 13 0	5,200 0 0	20
Junction Electric II.						
Kelly and Casey	11,000	193 2 9	12	16 1 20	..	..
New Alpine Consols	7,500	499 8 2	13	38 8 7	925 10 4	12
Alpine II.	6,500	1,075 13 7	16	67 3 22	1,625 0 0	25
Grand Junction	7,710	174 12 0	6	29 2 0	..	..
Rise and Shine	12,000	1,933 1 15	38	50 17 9	300 0 0	2½
Upper Magnetic	10,800	898 12 0	18	49 18 10	..	..
Gentle Annie	8,500	633 16 22	22	28 16 5	..	..
New Half-way House	8,000	193 7 6	13	14 17 13	..	..
Hartley and Riley	6,500	2,086 2 0	26	80 4 6	4,875 0 0	75
Riley's Beach	8,650	1,834 9 0	27	67 18 20	3,460 0 0	40
Cromwell	7,000	2,816 1 3	29	97 2 2	6,125 0 0	87½
Ngapara III.	7,000	574 12 0	33	17 8 5	350 0 0	5
New Nevis	4,000	205 19 0	20	10 5 22	..	..
Prince Arthur	9,600	324 13 0	8	40 11 15	..	..
La Franchi	12,000	356 0 10	23	15 9 14	..	..
	442,111	73,427 16 4	..	..	107,506 6 0	..

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The Under-Secretary, Mines Department, Wellington.

Mr. Warden McCARTHY to the UNDER-SECRETARY for MINES, Wellington.

SIR,—

Invercargill, 31st March, 1903.

I have the honour to report that in my district during the past twelve months mining has not been in a very prosperous condition.

Reports from Preservation Inlet have been anything but satisfactory. A certain amount of prospecting has been done at the inlet by a party of miners, and mining privileges have been applied for, which may yet turn out a rich yield. However, a large number of miners have left there, seeking fresh fields for employment.