

The jubilee anniversary of the discovery of gold in Otago was celebrated at Lawrence last May. It was a most unique and remarkable occasion, and one that will be for ever remembered by all who had the great pleasure of witnessing the reunion of several hundreds of the sturdy old pioneer diggers who fifty years before first met at Gabriel's Gully. The thanks of the whole mining community is certainly due to the people of Lawrence, and especially to their energetic Mayor and the managing committee, for the most excellent arrangements they provided for the comfort and pleasure of the pilgrim fathers of our mining industry.

While mining in New Zealand has made enormous strides since the first discovery of gold, the prospects of future expansion and profitable development are exceedingly encouraging at present, and, without being optimistic, I am convinced that the results from mining operations in this country during the next fifty years will make the returns from the last fifty-year period appear insignificant.

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TABLE showing COMPARISON in QUANTITY and VALUE of GOLD entered for EXPORTATION, also the QUANTITY and VALUE of other MINERALS, for the Years ended the 31st December, 1909 and 1910, as well as the TOTAL VALUE since the 1st January, 1853.

Name of Metal or Mineral.	For Year ending the 31st December, 1910.		For Year ending the 31st December, 1909.		Total from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1910.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Precious metals—	Oz.	£	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Gold	478,288	1,896,328	506,371	2,006,900	19,709,762	77,437,131
Silver	1,711,235	171,562	1,813,830	180,872	14,695,797	1,619,522
Total gold and silver	2,189,523	2,067,890	2,320,201	2,187,772	34,405,559	79,055,653
Mineral produce, including kauri-gum—	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
Copper-ore	..	..	5	100	1,495½	19,198
Chrome-ore	..	..	..	..	5,869	38,002
Antimony-ore	..	..	2	60	3,748	54,849
Manganese-ore	5	15	6	29	19,364½	61,901
Hæmatite ore	..	..	..	..	76	444
Mixed minerals	2,088½	22,202	1,836½	11,709	33,313½	239,390
Coal (New Zealand) exported	277,011	259,562	201,685	183,961	2,871,996	2,629,373
Coke exported	6	10	22	23	16,435	24,877
Coal, output of mines in Dominion (less exports)	1,920,351	960,175	1,709,562	854,781	28,345,130	14,080,447
Shale	..	..	..	..	14,423	7,215
Kauri-gum	8,693	465,044	8,250	552,698	306,500	15,413,445
Total quantity and value of minerals	2,208,154½	1,707,008	1,921,368½	1,603,361	31,618,351½	32,569,141
Value of gold and silver, as above	..	2,067,890	..	2,187,772	..	79,055,653
Total value of minerals produced, including gold and silver	..	3,774,898	..	3,791,133	..	111,624,794

Including greenstone, 6 tons 14 cwt.; building-stone, 16 tons; auriferous ore, 182 tons; scheelite-ore, 58 tons; unenumerated, 7 tons; pumice-stone, 1,567 tons; wrought stone, tons unrecorded. † Including auriferous ore, 100 tons; scheelite-ore 143 tons; unenumerated, 13 tons; pyrites, 2 tons; stone, 35 tons; greenstone, 3½ tons; pumice-stone, 1,792 tons.