

£635. With a recently increased water-supply from Boundary Creek, and the Steeple Creek Water-race supply in prospective, the average monthly yield should continue to increase.

Near Roxburgh the Teviot-Molyneux Sluicing Company are constructing extensive water-races from the River Teviot, and laying down a modern sluicing plant to work, on the hydraulic sluicing and elevating principle, an ancient bed of the River Clutha subsequently filled in with sand and shingle. This ground has been tested by systematic Keystone drilling. The overburden is somewhat deep, but the samples of wash are stated by the prospectors to be payable. The Ladysmith dredge, working a short distance upstream of this claim, is obtaining satisfactory returns.

The following is a statement showing the value of production and dividends paid by the principal registered sluicing companies during 1912 :—

Name of Company or Party.	Value of Gold produced.	Dividends declared.	
		During 1912.	Total to end of 1912.
<i>Westland.</i>			
Mont D'Or Gold-mining and Water-race Company	£ 4,665	£ 2,400	£ 54,000
<i>Otago and Southland.</i>			
Naseby Dredging and Hydraulic-sluicing Company	1,080	625	4,125
Deep Stream Gold-mining Company	1,244	312	1,437
Gabriel's Gully Sluicing Company	1,530	270	1,605
Golden Crescent Sluicing Company	2,253	612	8,750
Sailor's Gully Gold-mining Company	1,769	800	4,400
Havelock Sluicing Company	3,419	1,800	3,200
Messrs. George and Munro (P.O. Creek)	1,048	400	..
Round Hill Gold-mining Company	5,292	847	8,473
Nokomai Hydraulic-sluicing Company	10,354	4,800	33,683
Ladysmith Gold-mining Company	2,994	992	9,428
Undaunted Gold-mining Company	1,709	562	14,437
Tinkers Gold-mining Company	1,904	473	472
243 other alluvial claims (mostly privately owned)	227,087	*	*
Totals	266,348	14,893	..

* Unknown.

In addition to the foregoing, many privately owned claims returned considerable profits, the amount of which is not ascertainable.

V. MINERALS OTHER THAN GOLD.

SCHEELITE.

The quantity of scheelite exported during the year amounted to 135 tons, valued at £13,347, as compared with 138 tons, valued at £11,853, in 1911. The following statement shows the quantity and value of scheelite exported since the year 1899 :—

Year.	Quantity.	Value.	Year.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	£		Tons.	£
1899	32	2,788	1907	137	15,486
1900	54	2,635	1908	68	6,055
1901	2	83	1909	58	4,263
1902	39	1,200	1910	143	15,070
1903	42	1,439	1911	138	11,853
1904	17	791	1912	135	13,347
1905	28	1,848			
1906	55	3,407	Totals ..	948	80,265