

drive had met the coal-seam somewhat troubled and disturbed, but a pair of levels were being driven northerly in the seam for prospecting purposes. The 6 ft. seam had been further developed, and was found to be continuous over an area as yet undetermined. The fan drift outlet was being lined with concrete to prevent leakage. This mine continued to be reported free from firedamp, but safety-lamps only are permitted to be used.

*Castle Hill Mine, Kaitangata.*—The blower of gas met in Carson's seam has ceased. Owing to shortage of miners at Kaitangata collieries this mine had not been worked full-handed during the year.

The Inspector of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has again reported that the ponies and pit-horses at Kaitangata mines were well cared for. Materials for construction of bath and change house are on the ground ready for erection when workmen are available.

*Benhar Coal-mine, Stirling.*—Dip driven through the fault and levels opened on both sides; seam thick and strong, making good roof and sides.

*Stevenson Collieries, Stirling.*—Large timbers used for support of roof in this thick seam of strong lignite.

*Pukerau Coal-mine, Pukerau.*—Lignite produced for local requirements until the winter period, when the pit was closed down.

*Whiterigg Coal-mine, East Gore.*—Output steadily maintained. Seam strong and safely worked.

*Green's Coal-mine, Gore.*—The new air-shaft provided for adequate clearance of powder-smoke from working-faces. The old pillar "fire" is kept down by water laid on for the purpose.

*Bushy Park Coal-mine, Gore.*—Opencast pit. Lignite used locally.

*Burnwell Coal-mine, North Chatton.*—A new inlet and haulage-way for output being made.

*Ramsay's Coal-mine, North Chatton.*—Working continued steadily. Seam strong and worked safely.

*Pyramid Coal-mine, Riversdale.*—Only 166 tons of coal was obtained as the result of prospecting and boring. Mining is again discontinued.

*Glenlee Coal-mine, Waikaka.*—An opencast pit worked for local requirements.

*Greenvale Coal-mine, Waikaka.*—Unwatered and preparing for resumption of work.

*Rossvale Coal-mine, Waikaia.*—Safely robbing head and pillar coal.

*Waikaia Coal-mine, Waikaia.*—A small output; only one man employed.

*Argyle Coal-mine, Waikaia.*—An opencast pit supplying local trade.

*Waikaia Oil-shale Development Company, Muddy Terrace.*—The area having been proved by the Government boring-drill, application has been made for a lease, and development may be expected at an early date.

*Princhester Creek Coal-mine, The Key.*—Opencast pit. Coal-deposit irregular; stripping heavy.

*Mataura Collieries, Mataura.*—The mine, which had been flooded by the backwaters of the Mataura River during winter storms, was restored, and coal-production was proceeding steadily. The powder-magazine is well kept.

*Mataura Lignite-mine, Mataura.*—Natural ventilation at present adequate, but this may be expected to become insufficient as underground working extends.

*Nightcaps No. 1 Mine, Nightcaps.*—No. 1 Section: Pillaring outward to head of No. 3 winch dip. A dip drive in the resin seam has been commenced. No. 3 or Lloyd's dip section: The lower working-faces were about 10 chains from the public-road line. Rise workings pillared safely.

*Nightcaps No. 2 Mine, Mount Hilda.*—Seam 20 ft. to 25 ft. in thickness. The opencast face had slipped in, but was being reopened. The coal-seam in prospecting-drive underground is steeply inclined at an inclination of 1 in 2.

*Black Diamond Coal-mine, Nightcaps.*—Being developed on the bord-and-pillar system. A new tram-line had been laid for conveyance of coal from the mine to Nightcaps public road.

*Burndale Coal-mine, Nightcaps.*—Driving to the dip from the outcrop. Water-inflow rather heavy. Previously driving from the outcrop in the 9 ft. coal-seam.

*Coaldale Coal-mine, Nightcaps.*—Working was recently suspended pending Ohai Railway extension.

*New Brighton Coal-mine, Wairio.*—Driving to dip, the seam having been enlarged from 5 ft. to 7 ft. in thickness. Fan ventilation fair.

*Wairio Coal-mine, Wairio.*—Extraction of pillar coal continues, but the end of the old mine-workings is in sight. A prospecting-drive to the rise has developed a small area of workable coal. An application had been made for a lease over an adjoining area into which it was hoped that the coal-seam existed.

*McKenzie and Sheddan's Coal-mine, Nightcaps.*—A new mine. 199 tons had been won when the coal-seam became faulted and disappeared. Work now suspended.

*Wairaki Coal-mine, Nightcaps.*—Only a small output had been obtained when operations were suspended pending the extension of the Wairio Branch Railway to Ohai.

*Mossbank Coal-mine, Nightcaps.*—Is now opencasting the seam, which had previously been won by underground mining. A connection by tram-line made with Wairio Branch Railway extension provides at present for limited output.

*Linton Coal-mine, Nightcaps.*—There are two seams averaging 10 ft. to 12 ft. each of coal separated by a 4 ft. band of stone. Four men were employed winning coal by opencast for land sale. It was anticipated that the Wairio Railway extension would be completed before winter, as the mine was ready to produce coal.