

VII. STATE AID TO MINING.

(1) SUBSIDIZED PROSPECTING.

Upon subsidized prospecting operations 46 persons were intermittently employed during the year.
The following is a statement showing the results of prospecting operations as reported by the Inspectors of Mines :—

Name of Prospecting Party.	Number of Prospectors.	Locality of Operations.	Amount of Subsidy granted.* £ s. d.	Amount of Subsidy expended. £ s. d.	Distance driven or sunk. Ft.	Nature of Claim.	Character of Operations.	Remarks.
<i>Northern Inspection District.</i>								
Dawn of Hope Gold-mines (N.L.)	4	Lucky Shot Mine, Thames	73 4 8	73 4 8	155	Quartz	Driving	Several small gold-bearing leaders opened up.
School of Mines	..	Thames	..	..	..	Quartz	Crushing	..
Coromandel Gold-mines, Ltd.	4	Nil Desperandum Claim, Coromandel	86 10 0	71 0 0	..	Quartz	Sinking and boring	..
Forsman and party, L. L.	3	Neavesville	192 15 8	12 15 8	..	Quartz	Blocking-out (Alluvial)	..
Jubilee Prospecting Syndicate	2	Imperial Claim, Karangahake	73 2 6	5 12 6	150	Quartz	Driving	Work in progress.
Schulski, R.	2	New Talisman Mine, Karangahake	136 10 0	78 15 0	100	Quartz	Cross-cutting	Work in progress.
Meagher, H. A.	2	Star Claim, Karangahake	52 10 0	52 10 0	40	Quartz	Driving	Nothing of importance found.
Harbour View Gold-mines, Ltd.	4	Harbour View Mine, Coromandel	47 5 0	18 18 0	..	Quartz	Driving	Work in progress.
<i>West Coast Inspection District.</i>								
The Pool, Ltd.	4	Baton River	269 15 0	255 15 0	415	Alluvial	Shaft-sinking and tunnelling	Satisfactory.
McVicar, D. A.	3	Alexander River	58 10 0	..	..	Quartz	Prospecting	..
Tait, E. W.	..	Buller River, Newton Flat	150 0 0	..	..	Alluvial	Completing plant and prospecting	Subsidy not yet taken up.
Cunningham, J. H.	4	Dunback	187 10 0	..	..	Quartz	Driving	..
<i>Southern Inspection District.</i>								
Bendigo Deep Lead Syndicate	4	Bendigo	92 14 0	..	..	Dredging	Boring	..
Davidson, N.	2	Gimmerburn Gorge	150 0 0	110 0 0	55	Deep Lead	Sinking	Work in progress.
Wetherstones Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	8	Wetherstones	1,816 10 6	1,249 12 10	..	Cement	Sinking and driving	Work not completed.
Bendigo Rise and Shine Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	..	Bendigo	800 0 0	..	..	Quartz	Sinking and driving	Subsidy not yet taken up.
..	46		..	1,928 3 8†	..			

* Includes authorizations in previous years. The total of the subsidies granted, less cancellations, during the year ended 31st March, 1936, amounted to £2,555 1s. 8d.
(Employment Division) on account of the trial of a gold-washing machine.

† In addition, 8s. 1d. was paid on behalf of the Labour Department