

SUMMARY OF AREAS.

Name of Company.	Number of Areas bored.	Number of Holes bored during 1936.
Gold Boring—		
N.Z. Prospecting and Mining, Ltd.	8	313
Austral Malay Tin, Ltd.	6	114
Burma-Malay Tin, Ltd.	5	108
Rimu Gold-dredging Co., Ltd.	3	663
N.Z. Mining Investments, Ltd.	3	39
The Consolidated Goldfields of N.Z., Ltd.	4	21
The Consolidated Goldfields of N.Z., Ltd., Diamond Drilling	1	1
Mataki Junction Gold-dredging, N.L.	2	22
Bundi Tin-dredging Co., N.L.	2	14
Mataki Gold-dredging, Ltd.	2	9
Glengarry Gold-dredging Co., Ltd.	1	25
Gillespie's Beach Gold-dredging Co., Ltd.	1	14
Maori Gully (Kokiri) Gold-dredging Co., Ltd.	1	16
Argo Gold-dredging Co., Ltd.	1	8
Tom Learmont	2	14
Miscellaneous	13	131
Totals	55	1,512
Oil Boring—		
Maoriland Oilfields, Ltd.	1	5
Grand total	56	1,517

SOUTHERN INSPECTION DISTRICT (T. McMILLAN, Inspector of Mines).

QUARTZ AND ALLUVIAL MINING.

Waitaki County.

Ben Ledi Sluicing Co. (H. Lewis, Manager).—Operations were continued intermittently during the year, the plant being moved and erected close to the Dansey's Pass Road. Values were low, and operations have been suspended. Three men were employed, and the gold won amounted to 6 oz. 13 dwt. 3 gr., valued at £45 19s. 11d.

Maerewhenua Development Co. (J. J. Cook, Manager).—Work was continued during the year on the Duffer's Gully section, and work was resumed in the Golden Gully section. The blocked tail-race tunnel was cleaned out and the intake end repaired and extended into the valley, thus allowing the resumption of sluicing operations. Eight men were employed, and the gold won amounted to 232 oz. 15 dwt. 2 gr., valued at £1,857 16s. 8d.

J. W. Cooper carried on as usual when water was available.

C. E. Adams carried on during part of the year, and then transferred his interests to Mining House Concessions, Ltd.

Mining House Concessions, Ltd. (C. E. Adams, Manager).—Sluicing operations were carried on under the superintendence of C. E. Adams. Three men were employed, and the gold won amounted to 40 oz. 17 dwt. 18 gr., valued at £298 11s.

Digger's Gully, Kurow (Nimmo Bros.).—No work has been done in this area during the year, owing to the decease of one of the partners.

There were forty-six men, including the companies, employed in the Waitaki County during the year, winning 502 oz. 14 dwt. 20 gr. of gold, valued at £3,823 2s. 10d.

Waihemo County.

Golden Point Gold and Scheelite Co.—Operations were resumed in the low-level tunnel in June. Repairs were effected and prospecting-work was carried out in the bottom levels. No ore was crushed.

Macrae's Gold-mining Co. (R. T. Mackenzie, Manager).—Operations were carried on steadily during the year, and two gravel pumping plants were in operation. Twelve men were employed, and the gold won amounted to 1654 oz. 9 dwt. 15 gr., valued at £11,905 3s. 4d., being the return from 158,750 cubic yards treated.

Callery and Bradbrook (Round Hill Mine alongside the Macrae's-Golden Point Road).—Operations were carried on steadily during the year in the usual workmanlike manner, and 900 tons of quartz was treated at the battery, yielding 267 oz. 7 dwt. 18 gr., valued at £1,892 4s. 7d.

Galli's Gold-mining Co. (R. Galli, Manager).—Active development work has been carried out during the year, and the main shaft has been sunk to a depth of 100 ft. The reef was cut at 70 ft. and 100 ft. Improvements have been effected at the treatment plant, where heavier stamps and a National Diesel engine have been installed.

Otago Scheelite and Mining Co.—Mining operations were suspended in February, and the company went into liquidation. Four men were employed, and the gold won amounted to 1 oz. 13 dwt. 20 gr., valued at £12 3s. 2d., being the return from 11 tons of ore treated.

There were twenty-six men employed in the Waihemo County, including the companies, during the year, winning 1,697 oz. 14 dwt. 13 gr. of gold, valued at £12,204 13s. 7d.

Maniototo County.

Golden Progress Quartz-mining Co., Otarehwa.—Operations were suspended until June, when prospecting operations were resumed in the east end of the 150 ft. level; 160 ft. were driven east, then 91 ft. south. Reef was located at 61 ft. south, but 10 ft., driven to the east, failed to locate values. The company's finance became exhausted, and operations were suspended in November. The company is now in liquidation. Seven men were employed during the prospecting operations.

The Earl Mining Party, Ophir.—During the year a two-stamp battery has been erected, together with suitable accommodation for the employees. Three men were employed, and 165 tons of ore at grass was treated, for a return of 45 oz. 4 dwt. 10 gr., valued at £287 5s. 5d.

Kildare Consolidated Gold-mining Co. (W. J. Wade, Manager).—During the first half of the year operations were carried on in the old paddock of the Scandinavian Water-race Co., where a large amount of debris and barren overburden had to be elevated 100 ft. Values were not very encouraging, so it was decided to abandon this. After removing all plant and material, operations were commenced in Redmiles Gully, where sluicing operations are now being carried out alongside the deep paddock. Seven men were employed, and the gold won amounted to 198 oz. 19 dwt. 6 gr., valued at £1,403 6s. 1d.