

As in 1936, fifteen dredges were worked in 1937 on the West Coast district, but the Brian Boru dredge ceased working in December, 1936, and the large dredge at Barrytown was given trial runs in May, 1937, but, owing to lack of power, it did not reach full capacity until about two months later.

The Brian Boru dredge was then sold, transported, and is being rebuilt at German Gully for the Blackball Creek Gold-mining Co. It will soon be at work there.

Three large and powerful all-steel dredges are under construction, one at Ikamatua, another at Kanieri, and the third at Arahura, while preparations are well under way for another such dredge to work Montgomery's Terrace, Ngahere. The Ikamatua dredge will have buckets of 16-cubic-feet capacity, while the other three will have buckets of 18-cubic-feet capacity and be capable of digging from 75 ft. to 85 ft. under water.

In the Southern District there were seven dredges at work during 1937, two of them being new all-steel dredges, one near Alexandra and the other near Clyde.

The Clutha River dredge near Alexandra is equipped with 12-cubic-feet buckets, while the Molyneux dredge, a few feet shorter in length than the Clutha, has 9-cubic-feet buckets.

Between 1st May, 1937, when dredging commenced, and the end of the year, 6,192 oz. of gold was recovered by the Clutha dredge, but operations on the Molyneux dredge were less fortunate for during practically the same period 1,429 oz. of gold was recovered by that dredge.

The Bendigo-Goldlight dredge was not working during the year. Some time in the severe winter the Nevis-Diesel dredge sank, and the greater part of the plant and equipment have since been removed. A large dredge is in course of construction at Lowburn for Austral (N.Z.) Mining, Ltd.

(3) ALLUVIAL MINING.

The following is a statement showing the value of production of, and dividends declared by alluvial gold-mines during 1937:—

Name of Owner.	Estimated Quantity and Value of Gold produced.		Dividends declared.	
			During 1937.	Total to End of 1937
<i>West Coast.</i>	oz.	£	£	£
Diamond's Flat Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	10	66	..	..
Glenroy Gold, Ltd.	48	352	..	..
Addison's Flat Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	872	6,540	1,300	4,095
Waitahu Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	684	5,149	..	..
Hukawai Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	44	363	..	..
Mount David Sluicing Co., Ltd.	63	462	..	..
Moonlight Goldfields, Ltd.	826	8,422	991	991
Deep Lead, Ltd.	18	136	..	500
Golden Sands, Ltd.	760	6,177	1,867	7,167
Addison Exploration, Ltd.	1,172	7,495	..	..
Hohonu Gold-sluicing Co., Ltd.	27	197	..	..
Kumara Goldfields Syndicate	266	2,186	..	..
Lawson's Flat Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	317	2,357	..	..
All other claims ..	6,314	44,902	..	..
<i>Otago and Southland.</i>				
Ben Lomond Gold-mining Co., Ltd...	2	17	..	..
Central Shotover Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	341	2,407	..	..
Fruidburn Sluicing Co., Ltd.	1	10	..	..
Golden Arrow Mining Co., Ltd.	383	2,840	825	2,200
Jones Nevis Sluicing Co., Ltd.	155	1,149	..	813
Kildare Consolidated Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	264	1,899	..	1,000
King Solomon Deep Lead, Ltd.	536	4,030	..	19,500
Macraes Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	1,555	11,439	2,500	7,500
Maerewhenua Goldfields Development Co., Ltd.	110	926	..	..
Mining House Concessions, Ltd.	109	798	..	..
Mountain Terrace Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	32	212	..	..
Nevis Sluicing Claims, Ltd.	240	1,820	..	..
N.Z. Prospecting and Mining, Ltd.	2	12	..	..
New Gabriels Gully Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	219	1,608	..	..
Nokomai Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	1,258	8,810	..	..
Paddy's Point Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	436	3,210	..	2,102
Round Hill Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	1,812	13,911	6,000	15,929
Sailors Gully (Waitahuna) Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	340	2,454	..	13,925
Sea Beach Gold, Ltd.	28	202	..	..
Short and Party, Ltd.	131	938	..	..
Sandhills Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	345	2,413	..	..
Skippers Ltd.	177	1,232	..	..
Try Again Sluicing Claim ..	18	129	..	116
Tuapeka Mouth Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	281	2,077	1,200	1,800
Upper Arrow Sluicing Co., Ltd.	66	470	..	..
Waimumu Sluicing Co., Ltd.	292	2,196	..	..
All other claims ..	6,588	48,011	..	..
Totals, 1937 ..	27,142	200,024	14,683	Unknown
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