

VII. STATE AID TO MINING.

(1) SUBSIDIZED PROSPECTING.

Upon subsidized prospecting operations eighty-two 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.*		Amount of Subsidy expended.		Distance driven or sunk.	Nature of Claim.	Character of Operations.	Remarks.
Northern Inspection District.										
Leach, D.	2	Victoria Claim, Karangahake	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Ft.	Quartz	Driving	Work unsuccessful.
Golden Dawn Gold-mines, Ltd.	..	Golden Dawn Mine, Owharoa	..	55 13 0	55	13 0	106	Quartz	Driving, &c.	Operations temporarily suspended.
Victoria Gold-mining Co.	2	Victoria Claim, Thames	..	1,000 0 0	..	..	212	Quartz	Driving	Work unsuccessful.
Monowai Gold Development, Ltd.	..	Monowai Mine, Thames	..	161 2 11	161	2 11	..	Quartz	Driving and cross-cutting	Work not yet started.
Commissioner Claim	4	Thames	..	1,100 0 0	..	..	..	Quartz	Driving	Operations satisfactory and still proceeding.
School of Mines	..	Thames	..	1,552 19 10	1,263	4 0	742	Quartz	Driving	..
Heather Bell Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	..	Heather Bell Claim, Whenuakite	..	69 10 0	22	0 0	..	..	Crushing	..
J. A. McNeill	1	Mount Te Aroha	..	400 0 0	..	..	..	Quartz	Driving and cross-cutting	Work not yet started.
West Coast Inspection District.										
Antonio's Hydraulic Elevating Co., Ltd.	4	Antonio's, Mawheraiti	..	32 10 0	15	0 0	..	Quartz	Surface-prospecting	Operations abandoned.
Consolidated Goldfields of New Zealand, Ltd.	4	Globe-Progress Area	..	200 0 0	17	7 0	491	Alluvial	Driving tunnel	Operations suspended.
Golden Valley Syndicate	4	Gow's Creek	..	2,955 17 10	950 13 4	1,165	Quartz	Quartz	Diamond drilling	Work in progress.
Mikoni Prospecting Syndicate	4	Mikoni River	..	350 0 0	350	0 0	..	Alluvial	Claim-development	Mining operations in progress.
Mount David Shining Co., Ltd.	4	Blackwater	..	100 0 0	47	5 10	112	Alluvial	Drilling	Work abandoned.
Waimihini Steatite Syndicate	1	Waimihini	..	250 0 0	139	5 0	..	Alluvial	Claim-development	Work in progress.
Southern Inspection District.										
Bendigo Rise and Shine Gold-mining Co., Ltd.	8	Bendigo	..	25 0 0	..	..	..	Mineral	Trenching	Subsidy not yet taken up.
F. Moore	3	Preservation Inlet	..	720 0 0	70	0 0	..	Reefing	Driving and winzuing	Company now in liquidation.
J. J. Cairns	2	Matakamui	..	125 0 0	48	10 0	97	Reefing	Driving	Balance of subsidy now cancelled.
S. C. Fachie	9	Nevis	..	10 4 6	..	..	17	Reefing	Driving and sinking	Work still to be completed.
King Solomon Deep Lead, Ltd.	30	Waikaia	..	883 11 11	814	13 3	..	Dredging	Moving dredge	Work still in progress.
					375	0 0	..	Deep lead	Driving	Mine abandoned during year.
					4,329	14 4†				

* Includes authorizations in previous years. The total of the subsidies granted, less cancellations, during the year ended 31st March, 1938, amounted to £12,227 14s. 4d. The amounts authorized for prospecting, in conjunction with the Labour Department (Employment Division), in South Westland and in the Reefton district are not included in this total. † In addition, the Mines Department is paying—(a) Half of the cost of an investigation of areas in South Westland, the other half being paid by the Labour Department (Employment Division); fourteen prospectors are employed, and £1,063 1s. 4d. has been expended by the Department during the year. (b) Half of the cost of the prospecting of the Globe and Merrifys area, Reefton district, the other half being paid by the Labour Department (Employment Division); twenty-two prospectors are engaged on this scheme, and the Department's expenditure during the year amounted to £3,522 2s. 9d.