New Talisman Claim, Karangahake (C. Waines and R. Schulzki, Owners).—This claim produced 32 tons of quartz, from which 12 oz. 11 dwt. of gold, valued at £95 7s. 4d., and 79 oz. 6 dwt. of silver, valued at £3 19s. 3d., were obtained. The total production since the commencement of operations is 1,151 oz. 4 dwt. of bullion, valued at £828 9s. 2d.

Waiawa Claim, Karangahake (J. B. Morris, Owner).—Owing to flood damage on three different occasions very little development work was done on this property. A rise was put up 30 ft. in the Monastery section with the object of enabling a block of ore above river-level to be opened up. Further work must, however, be carried out before this objective is attained. During the year 484 tons were mined and treated for a return of 230 oz. 16 dwt. of gold, valued at £1,798 10s., and 349 oz. 15 dwt. of silver, worth £22 5s. 4d. The total production since the commencement of operations is 1,339 oz. 11 dwt. of bullion, valued at £4,189 4s. 8d. Ten men were employed.

New Maoriland Claim, Waitekauri (E. C. Roberts, Owner).—Driving and restoration work was carried on intermittently, and 50 tons of ore were produced, which on treatment in the owner's battery yielded 56 oz. 2 dwt. of bullion, valued at £254 19s. 5d. The total output since the commencement of operations is 171 oz. 18 dwt. of bullion, worth £568 12s. 1d.

Golden Spur Claim, Maratoto (A. Duke, Owner).—The driving of a low level on this claim was started at a point about 3½ chains south of the boundary of the adjoining Golden Loop property and almost in the bed of a creek. The level was advanced to 198 ft. from the portal. At 145 ft. a rise was put up and connected to the level above, thus providing ample ventilation. Definite signs of reef were met with after driving 100 ft., and samples taken in various places are said to have given promising results. No stone was crushed during the year. The total output since the commencement of operations is 190 oz. 7 dwt. of bullion, valued at £65 11s. 11d.

Golden Crown Gold-mining Co. (N.L.), Komata (A. A. Adams, Manager).—Stoping operations were commenced over the Golden Crown level. On No. 1 level a drive north from the crosscut was cleaned out and retimbered for a distance of 60 ft. The new No. 2 level was advanced for 400 ft., and at this point holed through to the south end of the old No. 2 level, Te Ao Marama section. The latter level, which has been driven on reef, was renovated for a distance of 45 ft. The average number of men employed was eighteen. Approximately 235 tons of ore were mined and treated for a yield of 153 oz. 2 dwt. of gold, valued at £1,333 3s. 11d., and 734 oz. 16 dwt. of silver, valued at £55. The total production since the commencement of operations is 1,086 oz. 14 dwt. of bullion, worth £2,143 2s. 7d.

Graceville Syndicate, Neavesville.—In the Remuera section a lower level 50 ft. from the outcrop was driven and the main reef intersected at 165 ft. It is stated that this ore-body contained some good ore for a width of 6 ft. in the footwall. It was driven on so as to reach a point 110 ft. southward, where payable ore occurred on the surface. The prospects at the lower level were reported to be more encouraging than those indicated at the surface level. Considerable surface prospecting was carried out on the company's areas without disclosing any further payable ore. During the year 364 tons of quartz were treated in the company's battery for a return of 178 oz. 18 dwt. of bullion, valued at £822 18s. 6d. The total production since the commencement of operations is 810 oz. 5 dwt. of bullion, valued at £4,225 4s. 8d.

Wealth of Nations Mining Syndicate, Tairua.—The No. 2 main level was retimbered, and the winze at the south end dewatered. Considerable general testing was undertaken, but the results were not encouraging. The reopening of No. 3 low level was commenced, but work was suspended when a slip occurred. Thirty tons of ore were mined and treated for a return of 13 oz. 5 dwt. of bullion, valued at £55 16s. 7d. The total production since the beginning of operations is 25 oz. 1 dwt. of bullion, valued at £105 12s. 5d.

Kernick's Freehold, Tapu.—A rise was put up near the end of No. 1 level, and a certain amount of stoping was undertaken therein. Towards the end of the year a new level, 25 ft. above No. 1, was driven for exploratory purposes. This passed through a narrow reef 82 ft. from the portal, and fair crushing dirt is now being mined therefrom. A winze was sunk in No. 2 level, but work had to be discontinued on account of water. Driving on reef was then recommenced from a level previously constructed 27 ft. below No. 2 level, and altered slate and some rich veins of ore were met with after advancing 70 ft. A crushing of 2½ tons from this level yielded 128 oz. of bullion. Stoping has been carried on in the slate country above the low level without definite results. A ball mill is now being erected with the object of ascertaining whether the country encasing the reef at the low level is of sufficient value to warrant treatment. For the year 16 tons of ore were treated for a return of 241 oz. 10 dwt. of bullion, valued at £1,485 8s. 8d. The total output since the beginning of operations is 1,121 oz. 16 dwt. of bullion, valued at £6,644 17s. 5d.

Shannon Claim, Tapu (J. Matthews and H. Hemara, Owners).—The stoping of a narrow reef on this claim resulted in 3 tons 12 cwt. of ore being produced, which yielded 121 oz. 10 dwt. of gold, valued at £714 14s. 2d. The total production since the commencement of operations is 259 oz. 3 dwt. of bullion, valued at £1,487 6s. 4d.

Mountain King Claim, Puhoi (Pereiha and Te Moananui, Owners).—Nineteen tons of quartz, obtained as a result of driving on and stoping a narrow reef, yielded 36 oz. 4 dwt. of bullion, valued at £218 3s. 10d. The total output since the commencement of operations is 102 oz. 18 dwt. of bullion, valued at £595 13s. 9d.

Hector McDonald Claim, Puhoi (McFetridge Bros. and Hemara, Owners).—A low level was extended for 180 ft., where it intersected a reef 12 in. in width, which was driven on for 20 ft. north and 30 ft. south. Stoping operations on this reef yielded 7½ tons of ore, and this gave a return of 10 oz. 5 dwt. of bullion, valued at £76 6s. 3d. The total production since the commencement of operations is 38 oz. 13 dwt. of bullion, valued at £272 6s. 4d.

Golden Ridge Claim, Puru (R. E. Codd and A. Harold, Owners).—The erection of a small mill was completed and crushing commenced during the year. No. 2 level was driven 160 ft., largely on reef (average width, 15 in.), which was stoped out to surface. Another level, No. 2A, 40 ft. below the one previously mentioned, was then driven and intersected the reef. This should give a block of ore 100 ft. in length, 34 ft. in height, and 15 in. in width, with payable values. An average of seven men was employed. During the year 515 tons of quartz were crushed for a return of 243 oz. 15 dwt. of bullion, valued at £1,266. The total output since the commencement of operations is 269 oz. 5 dwt. of bullion, valued at £1,402 18s. 3d.

Virginia Claim, Thames (W. F. Smith and Party).—One hundred feet was driven east in the main crosscut in the hope of intersecting the Windfall reef. No stone was produced. The total output since the commencement of operations is 87 oz. 10 dwt. of bullion, valued at £239 10s. 3d.

Sylvia Gold, Silver, and Base Metals, Ltd., Thames.—The drilling of No. 1 bore, commenced in 1937, was completed early in 1938 at a depth of 634½ ft. An average of five men was employed. The company has since been endeavouring to raise capital to carry out development operations on its property.

Advance Claim, Thames (Armstead and Kendall, Owners).—No. 2 level was renovated for approximately 500 ft. The reef operated on at No. 3 level was not found at the estimated distance, and this factor, together with poor returns from ore treated, led to the suspension of work. The ore referred to, stoped above No. 3 level, comprised 32½ tons, which yielded 4 oz. 18 dwt. of bullion, valued at £25 11s. 8d., which is also the total output since the commencement of operations.