

Pleasant Valley, Clutha River Gorge, above Coal Creek, Roxburgh.—During the latter part of the year Mr. Foord, who has been operating a gravel-pumping plant in the Adams Flat District, took over an area held by Messrs. Tamblyn and partners. The plant at Adams Flat was dismantled and transported to the Pleasant Valley area, where it is being reassembled.

A small number of subsidized and other miners have been operating in the county during the year.

Prospecting-work has been carried out in Johnston Gully, Waipori, where the scheelite reef is being tested. Prospecting-work has also been carried out in the deep lead alluvial deposit on Mitchells Flat.

A total of seventy-six men (inclusive of the companies) was employed in the Tuapeka County, producing 1,329 oz. 19 dwt. 16 gr., valued at £9,991 6s. 4d.

Bruce County.

Foord's Mine, Adams Flat (E. G. M. Foord, Owner and Manager).—Gravel-pumping operations were carried on, whenever weather conditions were suitable, during the early part of the year. Two men were employed. During the latter part of the year the plant was dismantled and transported to Pleasant Valley, Roxburgh.

Glenore Mining Syndicate (A. Stewart, Manager).—Two men were employed on the eastern river flat of the Tokomairiro Creek, between Glenore and Mount Stuart, reworking this flat by gravel-pump methods.

A total of three men (inclusive of the companies) was employed in Bruce County winning 86 oz. 14 dwt. of gold, valued at £599 9s. 5d.

Clutha County.

A total of three men was employed in the Clutha County during the year, winning 6 oz. 6 dwt. 20 gr. of gold, valued at £46 0s. 6d.

Taieri County.

A total of five men was employed in the Taieri County during the year, winning 7 oz. 8 dwt. 11 gr. of gold, valued at £52 18s. 11d.

Waikouaiti County.

A total of two men was employed in the Waikouaiti County during the year, winning 2 oz. 17 dwt. 12 gr., valued at £20 2s. 6d.

Southland County.

Nokomai Gold-mining Co., Ltd., Nokomai, near Parawa (C. Sew Hoy, Manager).—Sluicing, elevating, and gravel-pumping operations were actively carried on during the latter months of the year. Work was intermittent during the first four months of the year on account of the dry season experienced in the Otago and Southland Districts. The two 12 in. gravel-pumps operated satisfactorily, and the amount of gold won was 1,239 oz. 5 dwt. 12 gr., valued at £9,067. Fifteen men were employed at the alluvial mine and nine men in the extensive-race system.

The Winding Creek Syndicate.—Sluicing operations were continued during the year at the King Solomon tailings dump. Two men were employed.

A. Mutch, Happy Valley, Waikaia (A. Mutch, Manager).—After extending water-races and installing pipe lines, sluicing and elevating operations were carried on at the lower end of the valley. Three men were employed.

Dome Creek Mining Syndicate Dome Creek, Waikaia.—Work was suspended and mining operations ceased.

Union Mining Syndicate, Upper Waikaia River, just above The Branches.—Operations have been suspended.

Freshford Mining Syndicate (R. T. McKenzie, Manager).—Prospecting-operations were carried out on the right-hand terraces of Muddy Creek, downstream from the area worked by the Freshford Dredge. A power-pumping plant, consisting of 7 in. by 9 in. Mather and Platt pump, direct coupled to a 105 h.p. electric motor, and a 6 in. by 8 in. Thompsons nozzle pump, belt driven by a 50 h.p. electric motor, and the necessary pipe-lines, elevator, valves, and fittings, have been installed. Water is obtained from the Muddy Creek. Four men were employed in the erection and operation of this plant.

Waimumu Sluicing Co., Ltd., Waimumu (F. A. Faulkner, Manager).—The workable deposits in the southern tributary gully have become exhausted. The plant was shifted to the left-hand flats of the Waimumu Stream, downstream from the tributary junction. A 10 in. Mather and Platt centrifugal pump, direct coupled to a 150 h.p. Thompson-Houston electric motor was installed to replace the steam-pumping equipment. A 15 in. pipe-line from the pump to the mine, together with the necessary fittings, was also installed. When mining operations were recommenced the new ground proved to be of low value and working costs were high. Operations were suspended and the company went into liquidation. There were two men employed during the period of operation.

Stewart Gold Co., Little Waikaka (R. T. Stewart, Engineer and General Manager; W. Stewart, Mine-manager).—During the early part of the year the water-supply was poor and operations were hampered. A sudden rise in the floor practically cut off the auriferous gravels in the northern end of the mine, and operations were suspended. Prospecting-operations were carried on in other sections of the mine, and the company is now preparing to remove the gravel-pump and other plant to the southern end of the mine. There were seven men employed during the working-periods.

A total of sixty-three men (inclusive of the companies) was employed in the Southland County during the year, winning 1,951 oz. 9 dwt. 19 gr., valued at £14,455 14s. 11d.

Wallace County.

Round Hill Gold-mining Co., Ltd. (F. Hart, Manager).—Active sluicing and elevating operations have been carried out during the year, and approximately 10 acres, to an average depth of 50 ft., with varying depths of marine wash, from 6 in. to 6 ft. in thickness, has been mined. The overburden contains large lenses of tough clay, and in some places the driftwood timber is 30 ft. deep. The water-races have been kept in good order, and they provide a reliable water-supply from the Longwood Ranges. There were eighteen men employed, and the gold won amounted to 1,767 oz. 6 dwt. 15 gr., valued at £13,870.

Orepuki Mining Township, Old Township Diggings, Orepuki (J. Sorenson, sen., Manager).—Two men were employed sluicing previously-driven ground in the old workings.

Shaw and Braid.—Sluicing operations have been carried out on the right-hand terraces of the Taunoa Stream.

Other miners are also employed in the neighbourhood of old workings in the Orepuki area.

A total of fifty-eight men (inclusive of the companies) was employed in the Wallace County during the year, winning 2,222 oz. 3 dwt. 6 gr., valued at £17,142 16s. 2d.

Fiord County.

There was one man employed in the Fiord County during the year, and the gold won amounted to 12 dwt., valued at £4 5s. 1d.