

There appears to be no one in the district at present unemployed. With this drawback it will scarcely be possible for some of the companies to comply with the terms under which they hold their leases, for even now wages men are scarce.

Agriculture. A very large area, covering over 4000 acres of agricultural land, has been applied for under lease, and I could not mention a more important fact to illustrate the confidence generally felt in the future prosperity of the district. Messrs. Robertston and Hollenstein are preparing for the erection of their flour mills at the Kawarua Falls, and a considerable extent of ground is being prepared for wheat crops in consequence. This season has for ever set at rest any doubt that might have existed in the capabilities of the land for growing wheat.

The accompanying plans I have prepared from surveys, and have given in them all the information I am possessed of, regarding the principal reefs. They will, I trust, be valuable to non-residents in the district, who are desirous to enter into mining speculations, and may deter many from investing without reasonable chance of success. Any additional information I may acquire from time to time as mining operations progress, I will forward. I would suggest the advisability of publishing these plans, that they may be placed within reach of all who may require them.

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W. C. WRIGHT,

Mining Surveyor.

SUMMARY of MACHINERY in the WAKATIPU MINING DISTRICT.

DISTRICT.	Cradles.		Puddling Machines.		Hydraulic Hose.		Sluice-boxes and Tons.		Water-wheels.		Pumps.		Dredging Machinery.		Other Descriptions of Machinery.		WATER RACES.		QUARTZ CRUSHING MACHINERY.		Total Approximate Value.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	Length in Chains.	Value.	Number.	Horse Power.	Description.	Value.			
Queenstown Division	25	25	...	...	5	100	104	208	6	1200	30	600	...	...	100	250	12383	15498	...	...	£	17881	
Upper Shotover Division	20	20	...	...	12	360	95	190	1	110	10	150	...	...	40	80	3820	11140	2	12	Cornish Stamps	700	12750
Arrow Division . .	35	35	...	...	20	600	125	375	18	3000	120	1800	...	...	50	100	9108	26234	1	30	Works not yet completd.	...	32144
TOTALS . . .	80	80	...	...	37	1060	324	773	25	4310	601	2550	...	...	190	430	25311	52872	3	42	...	700	62775

SUMMARY of the POPULATION of the WAKATIPU MINING SURVEY DISTRICT.

LOCALITIES.	NUMBER OF MINERS ENGAGED IN								Total Population engaged in Gold Mining.	Rate of Wages per week.	Price of Gold per Ounce.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN					Total Population engaged in Business.	Total Population in the District.	
	Cradling.	Sluicing.	Ground Sluicing.	Using Hydraulic Hose.	Puddling.	Dredging.	Tunnelling.	Quartz Mining.				Other Descriptions of Gold Mining.	Storekeeping.	Keeping Public Houses.	Packing.	Cultivating.			Other Employments.
Queenstown Division . . .	140	35	26	4	5	48	306	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	27	24	6	50	469	576	882	
Upper Shotover . . .	22	36	64	18	56	23	219	4 10 03	15 6	8	4	2	6	30	50	269	
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Arrow Division . . .	46	107	98	122	23	46	442	4 0 03	15 6	25	19	7	35	189	275	717	
TOTALS . . .	208	226	188	144	84	117	967	4 10 03	15 6	60	47	15	91	688	901	1868	

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