

				THE LYELL.			
Company.				Quartz.	Gold.		Value.
				Tons.	oz.	dwt. gr.	£ s. d.
Alpine ...	...	...	...	50	24	0 0	92 8 0
Excelsior ...	...	...	...	249	111	0 0	427 7 0
Maloney's ...	...	...	...	93	279	0 0	1,074 3 0
Maruia ...	...	...	...	308	1,365	0 0	5,255 5 0
Monte Christo ...	...	...	...	124	349	0 0	1,343 13 0
Little Wonder ...	...	...	...	65	95	0 0	365 15 0
O'Brien and Blair's ...	...	...	...	25	39	0 0	150 3 0
Break o' Day ...	...	...	...	297	2,294	0 0	8,831 18 0
Totals	...	...	...	1,211	4,556	0 0	£17,540 12 0

SUMMARY.—Total amount of stone crushed: Lyell, 1,211 tons; Inangahua, 16,223 tons; total, 17,434 tons. Total yield: Lyell, 4,556 ozs.; Inangahua, 15,542 ozs. 9 dwts.; total, 20,098 ozs. 9 dwts.

So that the average to the Inangahua reefs for the past year is little short of an ounce to the ton, whilst the rich yields of the Maruia, Break o' Day, and Maloney's claims, at the Lyell, have brought the average there up to nearly 4 ounces to the ton. It would be very useful if a similar Act to that in force in Victoria and at the Thames was brought into force here, so as to compel the owners of machinery to make periodical returns to the Warden of the quantity of stone crushed, together with the yield.

It is satisfactory to know that of the reefs at Murray Creek and Boatman's, Anderson's, Wealth of Nations, Fiery Cross, and Just-in-Time have already paid all the expenses of their machinery and preliminary work in testing their mines; and that during the past year the Golden Fleece has paid £6,000 in dividends; the Just-in-Time, £4,800; the Fiery Cross, £1,800; the Invincible, £450; and the Wealth of Nations, £487.

The machinery at present at work in the district is as follows:—

1. Ajax Company, 15 heads, steam.
2. Westland Crushing Company, 15 heads, steam.
3. Anderson's Company, 15 heads, water.
4. Energetic, 10 heads, water (about to be altered to steam).
5. Band of Hope, 10 heads, water (idle).
6. Wealth of Nations, 15 heads, water.
7. Fiery Cross and Just-in-Time, 15 heads, water.
8. Alpine Company, 8 heads, water.
9. Little Wonder, 2 heads, water (5 heads adding).

*Statistics.—Warden's Court.*

Number of cases during the year	...	...	...	...	102
Number of applications under Rules	...	...	...	...	311
Number of applications for Gold Mining Leases	...	...	...	...	101
Number of applications for Gold Mining Leases withdrawn	...	...	...	...	11
Number of applications for Gold Mining Leases refused	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Agricultural Leases	...	...	...	...	16
Number of Acres applied for	...	...	...	...	595
Number of Miners' Rights issued	...	...	...	...	635
Number of Business Licenses—					
Annual	...	...	...	...	29
Half-Yearly	...	...	...	...	138
Quarterly	...	...	...	...	156

*Resident Magistrate's Court.*

Number of Civil Cases heard	...	...	...	...	432
Criminal Cases—Inangahua, 44; Lyell, 55.	Of the latter, 31 Inangahua, and 30 Lyell, were upon information. There were 13 drunk and disorderly cases				99
Number of Publican's Licenses issued	...	...	...	...	52
Number of Accommodation Licenses issued	...	...	...	...	24

*Revenue.*

	£	s.	d.
Provincial Account, Province of Nelson	3,574	13	6
Provincial Treasurer	1,608	12	0
Resident Magistrate's Fees and Fines	441	15	3
Township Sections	609	0	0
Total	£6,234	0	9

The sum of £2,193 was deposited for leases, viz., Gold Mining Leases, £2,008, and Agricultural Leases, £185.