

*Comet*.—This claim has put in two cross-cuts, but, though getting good-looking stone, it has not as yet proved remunerative.

*Anglo-Maori*.—This small claim, two men's ground, has proved very good, going over an ounce to the ton.

## OHINEMURI—OWHAROA DISTRICT.

This district has not flourished during the year, owing to the principal mine, the *Smile of Fortune*, only returning 507oz. of gold for the year, while the previous year it gave 2,124oz. This mine has, however, met with considerable mishaps this year both to its battery and its workings through the late floods, and has also done a large quantity of dead work in putting in a low level to intersect the workings of No. 3. From the appearance of the quartz now coming to hand the owners are sanguine as to the future success of the mine. One dividend has been paid during the year, amounting to £500.

*Radical*.—This claim has been worked by tributers, but the returns have not given wages: as has also been the case with the Lucky-hit and other claims in the district.

## WAITEKAURI DISTRICT.

The Waitekauri, Waitekauri No. 3, and Welcome Extended are still being worked by tributers. In the latter a party of tributers won 86oz. 13dwt. melted gold from 2 tons of quartz, and expected they had got the flat run of gold of the Young New Zealand, but since the beginning of the year they seem to have lost it again.

## WAIHI DISTRICT.

The new American turbine, which I mentioned in my last report as coming from America, has been erected and has now been working for the last ten months, and has crushed during that time 4,750 tons of quartz, for 1,631oz. of melted gold.

The following is a return of quartz crushed and melted gold obtained for the year ending 31st March, 1884, for Hauraki South and North:—

District.	Month.		Quartz crushed.		Tailings treated.		Yield of Gold.		
			Tons cwt. lb.		Tons cwt. lb.		Oz. dwt. gr.		
Hauraki South	April,	1883	2,641	14 38	313	0 0	2,479	6 0	
"	May,	"	2,042	4 5	535	0 0	2,697	17 12	
"	June,	"	2,618	16 22	806	10 0	5,874	17 6	
"	July,	"	3,476	12 22	610	5 0	4,430	10 0	
"	August,	"	3,155	18 51	999	0 0	6,422	3 18	
"	September,	"	3,063	0 67	712	0 0	6,383	12 12	
"	October,	"	3,038	14 82	580	5 0	2,045	4 0	
"	November,	"	3,091	0 98	593	1 0	4,190	18 12	
"	December,	"	3,045	6 97	499	0 0	8,257	2 2	
"	January,	1884	2,638	0 26	501	10 0	840	17 6	
"	February,	"	2,437	1 18	350	0 17	6,536	8 18	
"	March,	"	2,979	10 75	333	2 0	4,714	16 18	
			34,228	0 41	6,832	13 17	54,873	14 8	
Hauraki North	12 months	...	1,042	12 95	...	...	4,017	19 2	
Totals ...			35,270	13 24	6,832	13 17	58,891	13 10	

I should have mentioned that very little work has been done in the Karangahake portion of the Ohinemuri Gold Field, but in one of the mines there (the Sir Walter Scott) very encouraging returns have recently been obtained from a small crushing. The ground in the neighbourhood is now being energetically prospected.

I have, &c.,

JAMES M. McLAREN,  
Mining Inspector.

The Under-Secretary for Gold Fields, Wellington.

## MARLBOROUGH GOLD FIELDS.

## No. 5.

Mr. Warden ALLEN to the UNDER-SECRETARY for GOLD FIELDS.

Picton, 24th April, 1884.

SIR,—

I have the honour to hand you my report on gold fields under my charge for the year ended the 31st March, 1884.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND.

Closed at present.

WAIRAU VALLEY.

Very little to report concerning this district. Most of the miners from upper portion of the valley are at the present time away seeking more profitable employment. It is usual for a number of them to return to this field during the winter months. There are a few miners working alluvial claims in one or two of the gullies: they can only be described as earning a living.