

lease have been issued for a considerable number, and over sixty are held under certificates of occupation. The current year opens with every indication of success, and, as far as may fairly be judged from present appearances, will show a marked improvement upon last year.

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The Under-Secretary of Mines, Wellington.

FRANK BIRD, Warden.

Name of Company.	Calls made.	Dividends declared.	Quartz crushed.	Yield.	Value.
	£ s. d.	£	Tons.	Oz.	£ s. d.
Welcome Quartz-mining ...	...	6,750	2,002	4,530	17,877 0 0
Hopeful Extended Quartz-mining ...	...	...	95	222	838 0 0
Specimen Hill United Quartz-mining ...	333 6 8	...	...	...	...
Phoenix Extended Quartz-mining ...	200 0 0	...	...	...	...
Big River Extended Quartz-mining ...	2,750 0 0	...	...	...	...
Progress Quartz-mining ...	600 0 0	1,200	310	400	1,585 0 0
Lone Star Quartz-mining ...	600 0 0	...	20	33	127 0 0
Multum in Parvo Quartz-mining ...	200 0 0	...	...	...	...
Nil Desperandum Quartz-mining ...	1,437 10 0	...	...	...	...
Eclipse Quartz-mining ...	600 0 0	...	...	...	...
Bannockburn Quartz-mining ...	...	...	...	...	...
Happy Valley Gold-mining ...	200 0 0	...	...	...	...
Gladstone Extended Gold-mining ...	...	...	...	...	...
Homeward Bound Extended Quartz-mining ...	1,200 0 0	...	...	...	...
Venus Extended Quartz-mining ...	600 0 0	2,100	3,603	2,212	8,610 17 6
North Venus Quartz-mining ...	100 0 0	...	...	...	...
No. 2 South Keep It Dark Quartz-mining ...	400 0 0	...	...	...	...
Golden Point Gold-mining ...	...	...	...	...	...
Dauntless Extended Quartz-mining ...	100 0 0	...	...	...	...
Wealth of Nations Extended Quartz-mining ...	1,625 10 0	...	100	62	240 16 2
Wealth of Nations Extended Quartz-mining ...	...	...	Tailings	229	900 4 0
Keep It Dark Quartz-mining ...	...	13,000	9,072	5,254	20,622 0 0
Globe Gold-mining ...	1,800 0 0	...	420	408	1,611 0 0
Rainy Creek Extended Quartz-mining ...	700 0 0	...	...	...	...
Eureka Extended Quartz-mining ...	600 0 0	...	...	...	...
Suez Gold-mining ...	100 0 0	...	...	...	...
Inglewood Extended Quartz-mining ...	1,000 0 0	300	920	495	1,908 0 0
Reform Gold-mining (no liability) ...	1,150 0 0	...	328	224	878 0 0
Chicago Gold-mining ...	150 0 0	...	...	...	...
Britannia Extended Gold-mining ...	50 0 0	...	...	...	...
Fiery Cross Extended Quartz-mining ...	...	6,600	3,227	4,212	16,668 13 7
Inkerman Quartz-mining ...	1,833 6 8	...	800	262	1,034 19 2
Just in Time Quartz-mining (registered) ...	233 6 8	3,500	3,033	2,600	10,269 5 0
Inangahua Low-level Tunnel Quartz-mining ...	600 0 0	...	...	...	...
South Hopeful Quartz-mining ...	666 13 4	...	...	...	...
Britannia Quartz-mining ...	416 13 4	...	...	...	...
Royal Oak Quartz-mining ...	250 0 0	...	...	...	...
Walhalla Quartz-mining ...	100 0 0	...	...	...	...
Morning Star Quartz-mining ...	200 0 0	...	...	...	...
Golden Treasure Gold-mining ...	800 0 0	...	...	...	...
	21,596 6 8	33,450	23,930	21,143	83,170 15 5
Alluvial gold ...	...	...	...	3,620	13,756 0 0
				24,763	96,926 15 5

### No. 9.

Mr. Inspector Gow to the UNDER-SECRETARY of MINES.

SIR,—

Nelson Creek, 4th April, 1887.

I have the honour, in conformity with your instructions, to make the following report on inspection of the quartz-mines.

#### BOATMAN'S.

*Homeward Bound Quartz-mine* (3rd March, 1887).—This claim has a long tunnel—2,225ft.—driven from the face of the hill to the supposed line of reef. At the end of this tunnel there is a large chamber lately constructed, where it is intended to sink a shaft 500ft. or more, to open out on the reef traced to the south boundary by the Welcome Company. It was in this chamber, while under contract, that F. Coveny was killed on the 26th February last. The chamber is a substantial piece of work, is quite dry, and well ventilated by tubes leading from the mouth of the tunnel, where a jet of water having a good pressure does the work very efficiently. The tunnel is well timbered, and in good order. There is a turbine water-wheel and air-compressor at the mouth of the tunnel.