

the foot-wall in the winze being very hard andesite; so that anticipations of the presence of soft country along the western part of the lode are of doubtful realisation. There is ample warrant for the energetic prospecting of this lode in both claims in which it has been traced, and the ore is rich enough to pay for transit to Europe for treatment. Its richness, therefore, to some extent compensates for the smallness of the lode, and in this particular has to be looked at favourably in comparison with the greater mass and poorer ore of the Iona lode."

In order to afford facilities for working the mines in this district a road is being made from Blind Bay to Whanagaparapara.

Attention has again been directed to the reefs containing copper-ore which were formerly worked in the northern part of the island, but very little work was done during the year.

COROMANDEL DISTRICT.

The district comprises the northern portion of the peninsula. The country is of a very broken and hilly description, covered chiefly with bush, although in several parts the kauri timber has been removed and clearings effected. In consequence of the continuous rich yields from the Hauraki Mine numbers of claims were taken up, as the subjoined list will show.

A large amount of prospecting has been carried on, and many discoveries of gold-bearing reefs were made. It will, however, take a length of time to develop the mines and to ascertain the value of those discoveries, and no doubt in many cases the claims will be abandoned for want of funds to carry on operations.

ABSTRACT of LICENSES for SPECIAL CLAIMS and LICENSED HOLDINGS issued from the Warden's Office at Coromandel, in the Hauraki Mining District, and registered on or before the 31st March, 1897, in the Books of the Mining Registrar at Coromandel.

Date of License.	Area.	Locality.	Block.	Survey District.	Name of Claim.	Name of Registered Owner.
18/5/96	A. R. P. 32 0 22	Matamata-harakeke	VI.	Harataunga	Ada	Enoch Richards.
23/12/96	100 0 0	Port Charles	II., III.	"	Airlie Castle ..	Charles Irving.
18/5/96	100 0 0	Kennedy Bay	IX.	"	A.J.C.	A.J.C. Gold-mining Co.
19/2/97	31 3 26	"	"	"	Alabama	John Henry Porter.
25/6/96	86 0 0	Coromandel	VI.	Coromandel	Alameda	F. Swindley and H. O. Bell.
5/11/96	20 0 0	"	V.	"	Albion	Hauraki Mines Lodes (Ltd.).
20/11/95	78 3 37	"	"	"	Albion Extended ..	Hauraki Main Lodes (Ltd.).
29/10/95	30 0 0	Tiki	VI.	"	Alert	Alert Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
7/10/96	50 0 0	Kennedy Bay	IX.	Harataunga	Alice	Simon Fraser.
18/7/95	88 2 33	Coromandel	VI.	Coromandel	All Nations	New Zealand and General Mining Co. (Ltd.).
12/5/96	14 0 16	Tokatea ..	II.	"	Altai Extended ..	T. W. Rhodes.
7/4/96	89 1 23	Matamata-harakeke	VI.	Harataunga	Anglo-Saxon	Anglo-Saxon Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
18/5/96	98 1 0	Cape Colville	II.	Moehau ..	Aster	Frederick Swindley.
18/5/96	99 3 20	Tokatea ..	"	Coromandel	Arawa	S. W. Bedlington.
13/1/97	100 0 0	Matamata-harakeke	IX.	Harataunga	Auriga	Samuel Horace Gordon.
23/12/96	68 1 35	Kennedy Bay	"	"	Austral Gold Reefs of Hauraki ..	Robert Edward Jamieson.
12/5/96	20 3 8	"	"	"	Avondale	John Bollard and others.
24/4/96	98 3 24	Manaia ..	XIV.	Coromandel	Ballarat	James Edwards.
23/12/96	100 0 0	Matamata-harakeke	VI.	Harataunga	Baron Rothschild ..	J. D. O'Brien.
23/12/96	63 2 0	Ditto	"	"	Bay View	Bay View Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
18/2/96	100 0 0	Coromandel	"	Coromandel	Beatrice	Hauraki Golden Bay Mine (Ltd.).
22/9/96	78 3 24	Matamata-harakeke	"	Harataunga	Belgie	E. C. Smith.
14/4/96	15 3 35	Tokatea ..	I.	Coromandel	Ben Lomond	Montgomery Davis.
2/7/95	18 0 30	"	II.	"	Bismark Extended ..	J. H. Witherford.
23/12/96	46 2 25	"	"	"	Blenheim	J. D. O'Brien.
23/12/96	62 0 0	"	I.	"	Blucher	Montgomery Davis. (Ltd.).
21/8/95	38 1 8	"	II.	"	Britannia	The Britannia Hauraki Gold-mining Co.
22/9/96	100 0 0	Cabbage Bay	V.	Harataunga	Britannic	E. E. Smith.
3/2/97	100 0 0	Opitiniui ..	VIII.	Coromandel	Bruce	Thomas Handley.
27/8/95	2 0 12	Coromandel	V.	"	Bunker's Hill ..	Bunker's Hill Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).
27/8/95	1 0 0	"	"	"	Bunker's Hill Extd. ..	"
24/4/96	96 0 0	Kennedy Bay	IX.	Harataunga	Cabbage Bay	Queen Victoria of Hauraki Gold-mining Co.
30/11/96	63 2 0	"	"	"	Cadman	Cadman Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
30/11/96	85 0 0	Coromandel	VI.	Coromandel	Cadman's Gully No. 1 ..	W. H. Cooper.
1/12/96	11 2 30	"	"	"	Caledonian Surplus ..	Charles B. Stone.
13/1/97	100 0 0	Kennedy Bay	IX.	Harataunga	Canopus	Henry Reynolds.
1/9/96	13 2 0	Tiki	X.	Coromandel	Captain Cook	William P. Snell, jun.
22/10/96	100 0 0	Manaia ..	III.	Hastings ..	Caroline	Joseph McRae.
22/9/96	98 2 11	Cabbage Bay	V., VI.	Harataunga	Celtic	E. C. Smith.
25/6/96	98 3 6	Cape Colville	II.	Moehau ..	Charleston	Thomas Casey.
7/4/96	97 0 0	Coromandel	VI., VII.	Coromandel	Chelsea Syndicate ..	Chelsea Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).
6/2/97	74 0 0	Manaia ..	XIII.	"	Chidwell Hall	John McNeil.
23/12/96	54 0 23	Tokatea ..	II.	"	City of Chester ..	J. H. Dalton.
23/12/96	100 0 0	Matamata-harakeke	VII.	Harataunga	City of Dublin ..	Thomas Handley.
23/3/97	6 1 9	Manaia ..	XIII.	Coromandel	City of Lucknow Surplus ..	Percy A. Vaile.
23/3/97	12 0 0	Tiki	VI.	"	Colleen Bawn	John Fitzgerald.
13/11/95	63 3 2	"	X.	"	Columbia	John Drew Colebrook.
27/8/95	12 1 32	Tokatea ..	II.	"	Conquering Hero ..	Conquering Hero Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).