

*New Point Elizabeth Colliery (Guy and Party).*—The output from this mine was won from pillar-extraction in the main headings. On the 4th April a heating of coal in the goaf resulted in the area being sealed off and pillar-extraction commenced on the outbye side of the line of the stoppings.

*Picry Cross Mine (Currie and Party), Dunollie.*—Development work was continued in the new mine in an easterly and south-easterly direction, the main levels having advanced a total distance of 14½ chains to the southern boundary of the lease. Development work along the line of the eastern boundary constituted the remainder of the work carried out. The seam rises very steeply in an easterly direction, the average height of the coal being 4 ft. 6 in.

*Castlepoint Mine (Duggan and Party).*—The output from this mine was won from pillar-extraction in the rise area to the east of the main level.

*Hilltop Mine (Armstrong and Party), Ten-mile.*—Due to floods and slips, work has been carried out intermittently in this mine during the year. At a point 270 ft. from the mine entrance a main dip was set away in a southerly direction and advanced a distance of 6 chains. The coal is of excellent quality and has an average height of 16 ft.

*Kaye and Party's Mine, Ten-mile.*—No coal has been produced from this mine since April. Flooding of the Ten-mile Creek carried away the bins and caused a large slip which demolished the approaches to the mine. During the first three months coal-production was secured from development work on the east side close to the upthrow fault.

*Hunter and Party's Mine, Dunollie.*—Coal-production was secured in this mine through driving three main levels in a southerly direction for a total distance of 15 chains. The coal is of good quality and has an average height of 8 ft. 6 in.

*Schultz Creek Mine (Marshall and Party), Twelve-mile.*—The output for the year was won from extraction of a block of solid coal attached to the downthrow fault which crosses the main level at a point 16 chains from the surface. The coal is of good quality and has an average height of 3 ft. 3 in.

*Bellbird Mine (Stuart and Party), Ten-mile.*—The output from this mine was won from pillar-extraction in the thin coal area to the west of the main dip and development work on the upthrow side of the fault on the eastern side of the main dip. A slant dip is being driven to connect with the workings on the east side of the fault and, when completed, will serve as a main haulage road for that area.

*Cain's Mine, Rapahoe.*—Operations at this mine were resumed by a new party in January. Repairs were carried out to the storage bins and surface incline and a new jig constructed inside the mine. All coal was secured from pillar-extraction.

*Bellvue Mine (Haderoft and Party), Rapahoe.*—Operations in this mine were confined to driving the two main headings, which advanced 6 chains from the surface. All coal was won from the driving of these two headings and the necessary crosscuts.

*Jubilee Mine (Tinning and Party), Rapahoe.*—Development was continued in the two main headings, which were advanced a total distance of 5 chains from the surface. The coal is of a very hard nature with an average height of 9 ft.

*Cliffside Mine (Moore and Party), Nine-mile.*—The whole of the output was won from development work between the inbye side of the main stone drive and the downthrow fault, located 2 chains to the east of the stone drive. The coal is of good quality and maintained an average height of 11 ft.

*Smith and Party's Mine, Dunollie.*—All of the coal has been won from pillar-extraction to the east and west of the main dip.

*Brachead Mine (Boote and Party), Dunollie.*—The whole of the output was won from the extraction of pillars on the east and west sides of the main level.

*Harrison and Party's Mine, Ten-mile.*—Due to damage caused by floods and slips, this mine was idle for several months. A new entrance was constructed, and operations were resumed on the east side of the main dip. The output was secured from development work in this area. New storage bins and a bathhouse were built at the new entrance.

#### REEFTON DISTRICT.

*Archer's Mine, Caplestone.*—Top Mine: Pillar-extraction in No. 1 seam was completed early in the year and all work thereafter was carried out in No. 2 seam. No. 2 seam was tapped by a stone drive 8 chains in length, and this drive now serves as a main intake airway.

*Doran's Mine, Caplestone.*—The output from this mine was won from development work, two headings being driven to the rise and a connection formed with the upper workings of the mine.

*Archer Bros.' Mine.*—Operations consisted of development to the east in the vertical seam. Three main levels were driven for a distance of 600 ft. when a fault was encountered. The coal is of good quality and the average height is 9 ft.

*Coghlan's Mine, Caplestone.*—The output for the year was won from extraction of pillars in No. 2 seam.

*Low Level Mine, Coghlan's Frechold, Caplestone.*—Development work was continued throughout the year in No. 2 seam to the dip of Coghlan's Mine.

*Waitahu Mine (A. D. Williams), Reefton.*—Top Mine: Operations were again confined to development work in three main headings which are advancing in a north-easterly direction. The total distance advanced, from the surface, is 27 chains.

*McKinlay's Mine.*—Three headings were advanced a distance of 30 chains from the surface, at which point low coal and heavy roof were encountered and the work of driving farther ahead discontinued. Towards the end of the year a dip, advancing in a northerly direction, was commenced and driven for a distance of 3½ chains on a grade of 1 in 3. The height of coal is 6 ft. 6 in.

*Lewis and Party's Mine.*—The output from this mine was won from development work in the two main levels, which were driven in a northerly direction from the bottom of the dip.

*Victory Mine (Rolleston and Party), Waitahu.*—This mine was opened up in February and is situated to the dip of McKinlay's Mine. The main dip, on the full grade of the seam, was driven a distance of 3 chains and development continued in a northerly direction. The height of seam is 6 ft. 6 in., the coal being of fairly good quality.

*Pyramid Mine, Reefton.*—The coal-seam is operated from two main levels, pillar-extraction being carried on in the upper level towards the outcrop and development work being conducted in the lower level in the direction of the Morrisvale Mines.

*Burke's Creek Mine, Reefton.*—The output for the year was won from pillar-extraction near the bottom of No. 3 panel, retreating on the horse level and barrier to No. 2 panel; also from development at a lower level which has advanced a distance of 25 chains from the main dip. In February the surface haulage and electrical plant were destroyed by fire. Temporary plant was installed and worked for two months until the Grey Power Board's supply was extended to the district.

*Burnwell Coal Co., Reefton.*—The output from this mine was won from development work in the main level and from two headings driven to the rise in a southerly direction. The total distance advanced from the surface is 16 chains.

*Terrace Mine, Reefton.*—The mine is being opened up by two levels being driven in an easterly direction which have been advanced to a distance of 11½ chains from the surface. Due to the increased orders, a storage bin for slack was built.

*Defiance Mine (McClatchie and Co., Ltd., Christchurch).*—The output was won from development work and pillar-extraction in the upper mine and the "Butler" seam, over which a lease was secured during the year. The latter area was standing in pillars, and all roadways were cleared of fallen coal and the roof and sides secured.

*Clele Mine, Merrijigs.*—Pillar-extraction was continued throughout the year in No. 1 section and development work was carried out in No. 2 section. The coal in both areas is of good quality with an average height of 4 ft.