

*Waihi Standard Gold-mining Company (James Thomas, Mine-manager).*

This property, after lying idle for a number of years, was taken over by the present owners in July last. At that time there was a Tangye oil-engine for hauling water and quartz. After repairing the ladder-way in the shaft down to No. 3 level, 167 ft. from surface, it was discovered that there was 7 ft. of water in this level. Baling-operations were at once proceeded with, and it was found that about 700 ft. of driving had been done. This part of the mine was well sampled, and the results therefrom gave the present owners sufficient encouragement to procure a more powerful winding plant and boiler. New headgear was erected, and the equipment is working satisfactorily. New guides and cages have also been installed, and the shaft unwatered to No. 4 level, 257 ft. from surface. A start has been made to break out a trial crushing.

*Waihi Beach Gold-mining Company.*

This mine has been under protection during the year.

*Romulus Syndicate (G. M. Stocking, Attorney).*

This claim is owned by a syndicate, who have endeavoured to test the country and reef systems by a series of diamond-drill bore-holes. Several holes were put down shallow depths, but, owing to the broken nature of the country, the venture was not a success, and work was therefore suspended.

*Waitekohe Syndicate.*

Very little work has been done in this mine during the year. In the main drive another small vein was intersected showing gold, but, owing to the hard nature of the country, it would not be profitable.

## OWHAROA.

*Rising Sun Gold-mining Company (H. Goldsworthy, Mine-manager).*

The low-level tunnel has been driven a total distance of 1,820 ft. Several lodes, carrying low values, have been intersected, but it will be necessary to drive a further distance of 160 ft. to connect with the winze sunk from upper level in which good ore was said to have been obtained. Seven men were employed.

## WAITEKAURI.

*New Waitekauri Gold-mining Company (B. Gwilliam, Mine-manager).*

Owing to want of funds, very little work has been done during the year. The Horn level has been repaired and kept in working-order, in anticipation of further capital being raised to drive a crosscut to the eastern boundary. The property is at present under protection. The battery is used as a public crushing-plant when needed.

*Maoriland Gold-mining Company (W. Christie, Mine-manager).*

At the intermediate level, 75 ft. below No. 3 level, a distance of 83 ft. south has been driven on payable ore, and stoping commenced. The width of the lode in the stopes averages 18 ft. In a rise put up from the low or No. 4 level, a large body of ore was intersected and crosscut for 35 ft., giving an average value of 6s. per ton. The low level is being extended for the purpose of intersecting the Young New Zealand and No. 4 reefs. 1,272 tons of ore treated produced gold to the value of £2,834 1s. 5d.

*Jubilee Mine (F. J. Hollis, Mine-manager).*

Operations in this mine during the year have been devoted to prospecting on the different levels and repair-work. A good deal of trenching and open cutting has also been done on the surface, but nothing of importance has so far been discovered.

*Scotia Mine.*

This has been under protection during the year.

*Golden Cross Mine (Thomas Johns, Mine-manager).*

The No. 1 or battery level, on the west branch of the Golden Cross reef, has been extended 100 ft. and two rises put up to Corbett's level for ventilation, and the drive south on the Fiery Cross reef repaired and cleaned up. The lode averages 6 ft. in width. The outcrop of reef on surface has been stripped, and has been broken out for 40 ft. in length by 18 ft. in height by 9 ft. in width. A ten-head stamp battery, cyanide plant, hoppers, and water-race have been completed, and crushing operations commenced. 421½ tons of ore were treated, for a total of £1,457 17s. 11d. An average of eighteen men have been employed.

*North-Western Syndicate (F. Butcher, Manager).*

In this claim work has been confined to driving a low level for the purpose of intersecting the lode discovered on surface, and carrying payable values. A distance of 220 ft. has been driven, and fair prospects have been obtained in a lode passed through some distance back from the face.

*Prospectors.*

Two men (O'Brien and mate) are engaged prospecting between Waitekauri and Karangahake, but, so far, have not discovered anything of a payable character, although fair dish-prospects can be obtained.