

The following is a statement showing the number of subsidized prospectors, the amount of subsidy granted and paid, also the character and result of such prospecting operations from the 1st April, 1917, to the 31st March, 1918:—

Name of Prospecting Party.	Number of Prospectors.	Locality of Operations.	Amount of Subsidy granted.	Amount of Subsidy expended.	Distance driven.	Nature of Claim.	Character of Operations.	Remarks.
<i>Northern Inspection District.</i>								
Tierney and Regan	2	Mahakirau	£1,000, at £2 subsidy for £1 subscribed	£ 373 0 0	Ft. 360	Quartz ..	Surface prospecting	Nothing payable discovered; work suspended.
Waitangi Gold-mining Company	6	Thames	£166 13s. 4d., at 6s. 8d. per foot	60 0 0	180	" ..	Driving	Driving on large lode. Ore saved and treated, value 11s. 3d. per ton.
Hauraki Reefs Company	4	Coromandel	£150, at 10s. per foot	Nil	..	" ..	" ..	No work done.
W. M. Walnutt and party	2	Waitekauri	£37 10s., at 7s. 6d. per foot	"	..	" ..	Sinking	Work in progress; no results.
George Muir	4	Te Puke	£125, at 5s. per foot	125 0 0	500	" ..	Driving	Two lodges intersected; payable assay values.
Success Development Syndicate (May Bell Claim)	3	Waitekauri	£25, at 5s. per foot	25 0 0	100	" ..	" ..	Driving still in progress; results nil.
<i>West Coast Inspection District.</i>								
Alluvial Claims (Limited)	6	Wakamarina	£ 520 0 0	30 0 0	90	Quartz ..	Driving	Crosscuts to intersect scheelite-bearing lode; lode when met very small.
Alford and party .. ..	..	Lyell .. ..	..	70 0 0	210	" ..	" ..	Crosscutting old Tyr Connel tunnel and driving on lode-line at a lower level. Good stone picked up and driven on.
Alpine Consols	2	.. ..	200 0 0	..	..	..	..	..
Blackman Bros.	2	Stafford .. ..	..	40 5 6	537	Alluvial ..	" ..	Nothing of value located.
Deep Creek Gold-mining Syndicate	..	Wakamarina .. ..	..	16 13 4	50	Quartz ..	" ..	Driving on scheelite-bearing vein.
Duffy and Pennington	2	Reefton .. ..	..	33 6 8	100	" ..	" ..	Driving on quartz vein; said to show good values.
Etheredge and party .. ..	..	Ross .. ..	..	3 0 0	15	Alluvial ..	" ..	..
Fiddes and Jordan	2	Ahaura	50 0 0	..	..	Prospecting	" ..	General prospecting in Paparoa Range. Several quartz veins reported to be located, but values low.
Howatt and Hyndmann	2	Hokitika	42 10 0	162 5 0	..	Alluvial ..	" ..	About twenty-five shafts sunk; considerable area of pay-ground proved.
J. J. McIntosh	12	"	162 5 0	..	..	" ..	Driving	..
John Jack and party	2	Haw Haw .. ..	..	27 10 0	250	" ..	" ..	..
Jackson's Creek Scheelite Syndicate	..	Wairau .. ..	..	37 10 0	150	Quartz ..	" ..	..
Kotuku Oilfields Syndicate .. ..	..	Kotuku	100 0 0	83 15 0	..	" ..	Boring	From 1,000 ft. to 1,335 ft. in oil-well at Kaimata; no oil struck.
Kulsen and Havill	2	Kanieri .. ..	..	45 10 0	..	Alluvial ..	Sinking	263 ft. of shaft-sinking; fair values got.
McCormack and party	1	Rimu .. ..	..	18 18 0	126	" ..	Driving	Driving on alluvial; results unsatisfactory.
Pahlert and party	2	Kanieri	50 0 0	..	97	" ..	" ..	Prospecting at Kanieri Forks; results said to be good. Water-race now being constructed to ground.
Westland Gold-prospecting Syndicate	12	"	500 0 0	235 5 0	..	Prospecting	..	Continuation of work carried on by J. J. McIntosh as already mentioned. Twenty-six shafts sunk; also about one hundred bores put down at Ararua with payable results.
Webster and party	1	Rimu	80 0 0	50 8 0	336	Alluvial ..	Driving	No payable results.
<i>Southern Inspection District.</i>								
R. Symes and party	2	Bald Hill Flat	£110 and £60	110 0 0	..	Quartz ..	Surface prospecting and trenching	Work in progress; loose auriferous quartz found.
Otago Central Gold-mines	6	Bannockburn	243 6 8	57 0 0	171	" ..	Driving	Work in progress; driving to test Carrick reefs at low level.