

MACRAE'S.

Golden Point Gold and Scheelite Company.—Development-work at this company's mine comprised driving 500 ft. at the intermediate level above Donaldson's low level and rising 30 ft. on the main lode. The lode in the rise averaged 7 ft. in width, and is carrying good scheelite-ore.

Deep Dell Consolidated Company.—The extension of Evans drive on a scheelite vein in the north-east section of the mine was the only development-work undertaken by this company.

Stoneburn and Mareburn Mining Companies ceased operations during the year. Mining plant and batteries were dismantled and sold.

THE REEFS.

Pukerangi Mining Company.—This company crushed 118 tons of ore from the drive and stopes at the battery level.

The Reefs Syndicate.—Operations were confined to stoping a small block of ore on the Barewood reef. As the returns were not payable the syndicate ceased working.

Other parties working scheelite lodes in this locality are Betty and party and H. S. Molineaux. Betty and party are opening up the mine which was worked by Buckland and Ewart in 1914-15.

BANNOCKBURN.

Otago Central Gold-mines.—The extension of the Carrick low level has been in progress during the year. The Royal Standard reef was cut at 825 ft. from the surface and driven upon 200 ft. The reef over the distance driven consisted of crushed schist and small lenses of quartz, the formation being about 3 ft. in width. Some of the quartz showed free gold, but the quantity opened up was small.

BENDIGO.

Come in Time.—H. Birley and party crushed 100 tons of ore from the mineralized shear-zone in this mine.

Alluvial Mining.

TUAPEKA COUNTY.

Gabriel's Gully Sluicing Company (Lawrence).—Good returns are being obtained from the tailings-deposit from Blue Spur. Two elevators are kept steadily at work.

Tuapeka Sluicing Company (Lawrence).—This company's water-races were repaired and work in the claim was resumed in the latter part of the year.

Lawrence Sluicing Company (Munro's Gully).—Sluicing and elevating the tailings-deposit from Blue Spur with payable results.

Golden Crescent Sluicing Company (Weatherstone's).—Operations have been carried on steadily throughout the year, and continue to show a small profit.

Havelock Sluicing Company (Waitahuna).—This company is working an alluvial deposit near Waitahuna Township. Operations for the year resulted in the recovery of gold.

Waipori Claims.—Seven sluicing claims were operating in branches of the Waipori River. Payable returns were obtained by Munro and George, Post Office Creek; R. J. Cotton, Nardoo Creek; and A. Rogers, North West Creek.

Waipori Flat.—Prospecting operations by means of a Mines Department Keystone drill have been undertaken by the Dunedin City Corporation. The area to be tested comprises about 900 acres of river-flat, extending from 30 chains below the confluence of Post Office Creek with the Waipori River to within two miles and a half of Waipori Township, and 40 chains up Post Office Creek. The work is being done to prove if payable auriferous ground exists within the area. If no payable ground is found the Corporation will apply for a license for a dam over the area for storing water for power purposes.

Teviot Molyneux Gold-mining Company (Roxburgh).—This company is carrying on the work of sluicing and elevating within an area of 10 acres in the claim at White's Flat. In the southern part of the area a bar of hard schist rock was met which had been subjected to a great amount of scour. Numerous large schist boulders were resting upon it, but very little payable wash was found. As work proceeded towards the north a rich seam of wash came in. Several stoppages of sluicing operations occurred during the year. A period of three months was occupied in repairing a break in the water-race and shifting one of the elevators to command the deepest part of the ground, which is 60 ft. below the level of the river.

Ladysmith Gold-mining Company (Roxburgh).—Working on the eastern boundary of the claim, near the road-line. The wash is very stony, and not so rich as formerly.

MANIOTOTO COUNTY.

Scandinavian Water-race Company (St. Bathans).—This company is working part of the United M. and E. Company's ground, on the boundary-line between the two claims, under an agreement which provides that the latter company shall receive one-third of the gold won. Payable returns are being obtained.