

- (b.) By the companies, authorities, or persons discharging mullock, tailings, slimes, or debris into either the Waihou or Ohinemuri Rivers or any tributary stream—an amount equal to 1s. per ton on all mullock or other material 90 per cent. of which will not pass through a 150-mesh screen, and 4d. per ton on all ore crushed to the fineness specified.

Subsection (2) of section 25 should also be amended so that its provisions may harmonize with subsection (1) in its altered form.

3. The representation on the Board provided for in section 20 of the Act should be varied as under :—

- (a.) The Board shall consist of five members, to be appointed or elected from time to time as follows : One member (being the person holding for the time being the office of District Engineer of the Public Works Department for the Auckland District) to be appointed by the Governor-General ; one member to be elected by the ratepayers of the river district within the Hauraki Plains County ; one member to be elected by the ratepayers of the river district within the Thames and Ohinemuri Counties and the Thames and Paeroa Boroughs ; one member to be elected by the ratepayers of the river district within the Piako and Matamata Counties and the Te Aroha Borough ; one member to be appointed by the Waihi Borough Council : the Government appointee to be the Chairman of the Board.

And this our report, which has been unanimously adopted, together with the accompanying appendices, we have the honour to respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Excellency, in obedience to the Commission addressed to us.

Your Excellency's Commission is also returned herewith.

Given under our hands and seals, at Auckland, this 26th day of September, 1921.

H. J. H. BLOW, Chairman.
W. S. SHORT, Commissioner.
GEO. BUCHANAN, Commissioner.
