

On the 10th November Thomas Blake, an employee, had the misfortune to get his arm broken by a rolling stone. The face of the quarry was being operated on a gradient of about 50° of batter: a stone rolling down struck him on the arm, with the above result. Blake himself informed me that he had plenty of time to get clear, as he saw the stone rolling, and that he walked towards the face and stood behind a portion that he considered sufficient protection, but the stone swerving in the direction where he stood struck his arm. He told me that had he walked away from the face instead of towards it he would not have been struck. This accident occurred in the Whakatane Harbour Board's quarry, Whale Island. I inspected the face shortly afterwards, and found that the operations were being conducted in a satisfactory manner.

ANNEXURE E.

MINING STATISTICS.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE QUANTITY OF QUARTZ CRUSHED AND GOLD OBTAINED IN THE HAURAKI MINING DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1920.

Locality and Name of Mine.	Average Number of Men employed.	Quartz crushed.	Gold obtained.		Value.
			Amalgam.	Cyanide.	
THAMES COUNTY AND BOROUGH.					
Waiotahi—		Tons cwt. qr. lb.	Oz. dwt.	Oz. dwt.	£ s. d.
Waiotahi	2	125 0 0 0	15 8	..	39 17 6
Evening Star	6	6 0 0 0	24 5	..	57 8 4
Karaka—					
Gloaming	2	7 0 2 0	104 14	..	295 0 0
Occidental	1	1 0 0 0	0 10	..	1 7 6
Tairua—					
Golden Hills	2	152 0 0 0	148 7	53 0	460 13 0
Golden Belt	6	398 0 0 0	218 1	224 4	1,385 7 0
Kirikiri—					
Horseshoe	2	0 1 1 10	4 10	..	12 7 6
Prospectors	7	86 2 1 12	165 10	..	334 8 3
Totals	28	775 4 0 22	681 5	277 4	2,586 9 1
WAIHI BOROUGH.					
Waihi—					
Waihi*	531	142,239 5 2 24	..	340,236 18½	233,466 9 6
Waihi Grand Junction*	296	51,294 12 3 12	..	91,763 8	86,960 8 0
Totals	827	193,533 18 2 8	..	432,000 6½	320,426 17 6
OHINEMURI COUNTY.					
Owharoa—					
Rising Sun	15	Clean-up of battery	..	524 6	800 10 5
COROMANDEL COUNTY.					
Waikoromiko—					
Four-in-hand	3	0 3 0 13	61 0	..	183 0 0
Kuaotunu—					
Waitaia	2	0 1 0 0	51 0	..	122 16 0
Prospectors	14	6 0 0 0	12 4	..	34 6 8
Totals	19	7 0 0 13	124 4	..	340 2 8
TAURANGA COUNTY.					
Te Puke—					
Muir's Gold Reefs	29	Clean-up of battery	..	708 7	1,700 0 0
SUMMARY.					
Thames County and Borough	28	775 4 0 22	681 5	277 4	2,586 9 1
Waihi Borough	827	193,533 18 2 8	..	432,000 6½	320,426 17 6
Ohinemuri County	15	Cleaning-up battery	..	524 6	800 10 5
Coromandel County	19	7 0 0 13	124 4	..	340 2 8
Tauranga County	29	Cleaning-up battery	..	708 7	1,700 0 0
Totals, 1920	918†	194,316 2 3 15	805 9	433,510 3½	325,853 19 8
Totals, 1919	1,078	226,614 10 3 25	15,690 2	514,392 18	475,998 11 10
Decrease	160	32,298 8 0 10	14,884 13	80,594 14½	150,144 12 2

* Gold obtained from the Waihi and Waihi Grand Junction Mines is here valued at £4 4s. per ounce and silver at 2s. per ounce.
† During the year 140 men were employed at unproductive quartz-mining operations.