

*Otikerama Mine*.—A level had been driven a distance of 90 ft. through a fault, which not improving the seam, mining was being abandoned.

*Rosedale Mine*.—An opencast pit having a short drive into the face. Stripping to be kept back from the face.

*McLean's Mine*.—Almost worked out, the seam not having proved continuous.

*Whiterig Mine*.—The haulage dip had been driven below the level of former workings, from which water lodged had been drained by boreholes. Ladder required for air-shaft.

*Green's Mine*.—Having reached the boundary of the public road, mining would soon be transferred to the new entrance provided. Powder-magazine approved for storage of explosives.

*Riverview Mine*.—A small opencast pit for private use.

*Todd's Mine*.—An opencast pit, recently commenced.

*Springfield Mine*.—An opencast pit, recently reopened. Seam 10 ft.; stripping 8 ft., kept well in advance of working-face.

*Glenlee Mine*.—Mine worked safely and kept in good order.

*Ramsay's Mine*.—A new entrance was being made for a shorter haulage and cutting off the drive through old workings.

*Pyramid Mine*.—Underground mining practically discontinued. Further prospecting by boring was contemplated.

*Wendon Mine*.—A vertical seam, 15 ft., between the walls of which 10 ft. was being worked. Care had been taken in opening and timbering the drive.

*Landslip Mine*.—Prospecting on outcrop of the old company's workings, where a few pillars had been left unworked.

*Rossvale Mine*.—Several stoppings had been built on the left-hand side of dip drive, where warmth had been coming from Cain's old workings. The bottom of air-shaft had been cleaned up, and ventilation was good.

*Argyle Mine*.—Worked opencast; stripping sluiced away by water laid on for that purpose.

*Terrace Mine, Kingston Crossing*.—Some extra timber was required where the joints occurred in the roof, also a ladder in the shallow air-shaft, which were promised by the manager.

*Princhester Creek Mine*.—An opencast pit, worked for supply of settlers in Mararoa district.

*Forest Hill Mine*.—An opencast working, recently started for local supplies. Seam 10 ft. in thickness.

*Mataura Collieries Company's Mine*.—Workings in good order. Ventilation good.

*Boghead Mine*.—Underground mining commenced from the face of the terrace, where stripping becoming too heavy and costly to pay for removal.

*Mataura Lignite-mine*.—Mine in good order. Ventilation fair.

*Terrace Mine, Mataura*.—Seam 11 ft., worked opencast. Care was being taken to have the stripping kept well in advance of working-face.

*Ti Tepu Mine*.—Seam 12 ft., of which 6 ft. was being worked opencast.

*Heatherlea Mine*.—Seam 10 ft.; stripping kept well ahead.

*Ota Creek Mine*.—Opencast workings, in good order. Stripping 6 ft. to 8 ft., well in advance of coal-face.

*Clarke's Mine*.—Opencast pit, kept in good order; stripping well ahead.

*Diamond Lignite-mine*.—An opencast pit reopened on the opposite side of the railway, where there was more room for expansion.

*Nightcaps No. 1 Mine*.—Some opencast working at the outcrop near the dam was being conducted. Lloyd's dip: Workings gradually drawing to a closure, where the last of the pillars to be drawn were almost finished up to the dip-haulage roadway. Knight's section: Several pairs of men engaged driving and pillaring in this low wet seam. Prospecting by boring had not resulted in the location of a payably workable seam on the property.

*Nightcaps No. 2 Mine*.—The report-books showed that the fire heating in the opencast waste had travelled under surface to the upper-level underground workings, where it had been stopped off. Opencast working finished, and some remaining pillars had been drawn from underground. The new air-shaft was sunk 60 ft. to the coal-seam, and connection made with the workings. Seam to dip inclined steeply, and heavily saturated with water.

*Sterling Mine*.—Opencast working had been suspended during the greater part of the year. Preparations were being made for underground mining.

*Burndale Mine*.—Seam 5 ft. to 6 ft. in thickness; roof supported by timber, and working-places in fair condition.

*Coaldale Mine*.—There being evidence of faulting underground and the seam thinning to dip, a bore was sunk and a seam of coal struck, to which the dip drive was being graded for haulage. Ventilation to be augmented by the fan acquired recently.

*Black Diamond Mine*.—Fan ventilation good, and powder-smoke promptly removed. Excellent ambulance equipment kept in a special cabin at the mine.

*New Brighton Mine*.—Seam to dip improved in thickness to 9 ft., of which 7 ft. was being worked. A new dip haulage-way driven from the surface near the loading-bank to tap the dip workings will provide direct haulage and ventilation. Workings adequately timbered.

*Wairio Mine*.—The seams having been worked out to the fault, beyond which no mining had been done, the place was abandoned. Resin-seam Mine: Seam 4 ft. 6 in. in thickness was being worked intermittently, demand for this class of coal being limited at the present time.

*Mossbank Mine*.—The underground fire having become unmanageable, the openings were sealed with the object of damping it down. A new dip had been driven, from which levels were set off and output maintained. Efforts made to reopen the heated area had proved unsuccessful, a sufficient time apparently not having elapsed for extinction of the fire underground.

*Wells and Parry's Mine*.—A new mine opened at an outlier of surface, seam 5 ft. in thickness. After working a few months mining became suspended, owing to demand for any but the better-class coal having fallen away.

*Wairaki Mine*.—Only safety-lamps and permitted explosives allowed to be used in the mine. Firedamp had not been reported during the year, but slight bubbling in water on the floor continued. Fan ventilation; air clear and good.

*Wairaki No. 2 Mine*.—Under fan ventilation; air well conducted by brattice to working-faces. Fire-damp had never been reported as occurring in this mine. Systematic-timbering notice posted at the mine, to be carried out by the management.

*Linton Mine*.—Fan ventilation satisfactory and air good underground. The shot-firer appointed at the opencast working rang a warning bell, erected for the purpose, before firing.

*Ohai Mine*.—Opencast workings. Two seams, 16 ft. and 7 ft. in thickness, in sight. Coal was being carted to the Wairio Railway terminus, three miles distant.

*Birchwood Mine*.—Opencast working superseded by underground mining. Seam 20 ft., of which 10 ft. was being worked bord-and-pillar.

*Orepuki Mine*.—A new sump had been made, and driving to dip continued. Ventilation good; working conducted safely.

*Lynwood Mine*.—An opencast pit, worked for supplies for the steamer owned by the Tourist Department on Lake Te Anau. Seam 7 ft., with stripping or overburden 9 ft. in thickness.

#### *Dangerous Occurrences notified under Regulation 81.*

*Très Bon Mine, Milton*.—3rd January: Fire discovered at mine in surface seam, necessitating the closing of the mine and opening out on another part of the area.

*Pukerau Mine, Southland*.—3rd March: Fire in workings extinguished; no material damage done.