

*Clearview Mine.*—The workmen were driving two winning-places with 10 yard pillars between on the strike of the seam. The working-places were in a safe condition, being small in section. Ladders were provided in the upcast airshaft.

*Tripp's Mine.*—Working to rise was not being prosecuted, but a road was laid toward the old workings, where coal had fallen and roof appeared secure, having stood so for some years.

*Burnwell Mine (Harris Bros.).*—Continued prospecting had resulted in the coal-seam being driven on in two separate levels. A deviation of the Mount Somers tramway was being laid to connect with a jig 4½ chains in length from the mouth of the mine, and coal-production might be expected at early date.

*Cavendish Mine.*—A drive was being put in at a lower level to strike the coal-seam dipping in that direction as shown by previous working.

*Albury Mine.*—A small set of timber was required at the mine-mouth for better security. Natural ventilation good.

*Lambrook Mine.*—Driving to dip had been continued for development. Output poor the demand being low. A 1½-horse-power oil-engine which had been placed at the foot of the air-shaft for pumping purposes was removed outside for safety and prevention of accident from poisonous gases.

*Allankholme Mine.*—This mine was worked occasionally as trade required. Ventilation good.

*Meadowbank Mine.*—Mine not worked regularly owing to lack of trade.

*Waihao Forks Shale-mine.*—A reopening of the thin shale-seam workings at Waihao Forks had been commenced, when, after a short time, they closed down again.

*Wharekuri Mine.*—Worked for supply of local requirements.

*St. Andrew's Mine.*—The former mine-workings were finally closed and abandoned. Prospecting on an outcrop on the hillside, where a few tons of coal were being obtained.

*Prince Alfred Mine.*—Pillars being withdrawn in the dip workings carefully.

*Ngapara Mine.*—Ventilation good. Workings safely conducted.

*Shag Point Mine.*—The mine opened at Cabbage-tree was being worked intermittently for local sale only.

*Shag Point Coal-mining Company.*—A crosscut heading being driven south-easterly from the dip would provide for ready haulage and more direct ventilation to the long lower-level working-faces. Working safely conducted. Fan ventilation good. Electrical power used for fan ventilation and pumping purposes.

*Kyebrun Diggings Mine.*—A small opencast pit, worked for local supplies.

*Gimmerburn Mine.*—Opencast working for local requirements.

*Botting's Mine.*—A small lignite-mine, opened recently for local purposes.

*Rough Ridge Mine.*—A small output was being obtained from the outcrop of seam formerly worked.

*Idaburn Mine.*—Opencast working well conducted. Stripping kept in advance of working-face.

*Oturehna Mine (Becker Bros.).*—Opencast working. Stripping kept ahead of working-face. An improved pumping plant had been installed.

*Lewis's Mine.*—An opencast pit, worked for private use only.

*Dillon's Mine.*—A small opencast pit, worked for private use.

*Wade's Mine.*—A small opencast pit, worked for private use.

*Armitage's Mine.*—A small opencast pit, worked for private use.

*St. Bathans Mine.*—An opencast working. Stripping heavy, having to be carted from the pit.

*Cambrian Mine.*—Stripping was being sluiced away by water under pressure of 250 ft. The working-face was in excellent order, and a large body of lignite stripped ready for immediate production.

*Lauderlane Mine.*—Under reconstruction. It was expected that this mine would be reopened at early date.

*Alexandra Mine.*—An attempt made to reopen the workings on the north side of the dip had proved unsuccessful owing to the seam thinning with poor roof. Pillar-working was being carried on safely. Ventilation good.

*McPherson's Mine.*—An opencast pit, from which stripping was being removed by water laid on.

*Cromwell Mine.*—A new dip was being driven to replace the haulage dip, which owing to pressure from floor and sides had become unduly constricted in area.

*Shepherd's Creek Mine.*—Workings in good order. Ventilation good. Pillar-extraction in dip workings continued with safety.

*Cardrona Mine.*—An opencast pit, seam 5 ft., semi-vertical, having a band in the centre which caused some waste. However, the coal-seam was said to be improving in thickness and quality.

*Nevis Mine.*—Work had been safely conducted at this opencast mine, worked for supply of local requirements.

*Nevis Crossing Mine.*—Opencast mining on a small block of coal near old workings of a vertical seam, and opening up a new face at the south end of the lease. Workings 10 ft. in depth. Overburden sluiced away by water brought in under pressure.

*Fernhill Mine.*—Working was being continued in the lower seam. The original mine had been reopened for extraction of a few remaining pillars of coal, and to get building-sand from the deposit overlying the coal-seam.

*Freeman's Mine.*—Withdrawing pillar and head coal left at first working. Work conducted safely. Furnace ventilation adequate.

*Jubilee Mine.*—Dip workings driven underneath Fairfield-Brighton Road in a safe manner, and developing in direction of boundary. Places driven narrow at first working. Fan ventilation good.

*Saddle Hill No. 1 Mine (including Burnwell Mine).*—Ventilation good throughout the mine. Timber was being erected to roof where weak in pillar places. Stoppings were erected to dip of the workings for the purpose of withholding blackdamp in the waste, thus keeping down spontaneous fires.

*Saddle Hill No. 2 Mine.*—Withdrawing balance of remaining pillars from old workings. Ventilation good. The pole or beam stop-block erected at top of inclined entrance to the mine acted effectively.

*Walton Park Mine.*—Dip driven in coal-seam from outcrop under the Fairfield-Brighton Road and Saddle Hill Branch Railway in the direction of old Prince of Wales workings, which had been tapped and found to contain blackdamp, but free from water, being above water-level ascertained in the old winding-shaft, but the extension of dip drive and lower places was being bored ahead and on flank for safety. Ventilation excellent.

*East Taieri Mine.*—The mine was being worked in two sections, where prospecting and development work were being conducted with moderate success meanwhile. No. 2 section was being ventilated by a small fan, and a fresh opening was being driven to surface to improve the ventilation.

*Willowbank Mine.*—A small mine worked for supply of local requirements.

*Brighton Mine.*—Workings in good order. Ventilation conducted by brattice to working-faces.

*Ruanui Mine.*—Workings carefully driven narrow, but seam low and discouraging to work, being unpayable.

*Waronui Mine.*—An overcast was being driven near the foot of haulage incline for facilitating ventilation of the lower dip workings. Mining safely conducted; places were being driven narrow at first working for subsequent removal of pillars and head coal. Electrical power used for fan ventilation and pumping purposes.

*McGill's Mine.*—Coal having been worked out, the former mine-entrance had been closed and abandoned. Coal was being obtained from a new entrance on another part of the property, but the quality being poor, the place was finally closed and abandoned.

*Tres Bon Mine.*—Mining had been continued in a small way by the party of workmen at this mine.

*Crichton Mine.*—Mine worked intermittently as required by trade offering.

*Lakeside Mine.*—A small mine worked for local supplies.

*Taratu Mine.*—Workings to the dip from the shaft section were being conducted safely. Brattice carried well up to working-faces for ventilation where required. Barclay's section. The drift for second outlet and airway was nearing completion. Poles were erected for transmitting current from the power-house to the new Sirocco ventilating-fan which was being erected. Erection of bathhouse had been completed for convenience of workmen at the colliery.

*Tuakitoto Mine.*—The former entrance on the hill-face had been closed by a partial landslide, and coal was being produced from a new entrance drive made to the seam.