

adit, to come in under its Talisman-Dubbo adit at a depth of about 100 ft. It was at first intended to reopen the old Talisman adit, but it was found so completely collapsed that the driving of an entirely new parallel adit was found necessary. To the end of the year this had been carried in for 461 ft., at which point it should nearly have reached the random of the Dubbo adit. Some 65 tons 4 cwt. of quartz previously won from the Dubbo adit was treated at the Golden Dawn plant for a return of 79 oz. 12 dwt. gold and 338 oz. 2 dwt. 19 gr. silver, valued at £461 15s. 11d. The output since beginning of operations has thus been 422 oz. 6 dwt. 19 gr. bullion, valued at £473 13s. 10d.

*New Talisman Claim, Karangahake* (R. Schulzki, Owner).—A little prospecting was done in surface levels on Woodstock reef, and 10½ tons of quartz was treated at the Golden Dawn plant. This yielded 13 oz. 13 dwt. 14 gr. gold and 24 oz. 18 dwt. 4 gr. silver, of a total value of £78. This is also the total yield and value since commencing work.

*Imperial Prospecting Syndicate, Karangahake*.—This syndicate during the year worked, under arrangement, the claims held by the Imperial Gold-mining Co. Some good float stone was found on one of the claims, and a strong effort was made to locate the reef from which it came. About 100 shallow bores were put down, and two prospecting shafts were sunk from surface, one to 32 ft. and the other to 53 ft., and from the latter a crosscut being put out for 12 ft. An adit was also driven for 28 ft. So far the work has not succeeded in its purpose.

*Crown Claim, Karangahake* (J. N. Cherry, Owner).—This claim has been prospected by the owner in a number of places without any satisfactory result. The owner also inadvisedly went to considerable outlay in erecting a battery of five head of stamps on the claim before sufficient ore had been proved to justify the expenditure. No quartz was treated at this plant, but 11 tons 1 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. won by a tributary party was treated at the Golden Dawn plant for a return of 17 oz. 3 dwt. 22 gr. gold and 76 oz. 11 dwt. 20 gr. silver, of total value of £103 17s. 1d. This is the total yield and value since commencing work.

*Mount Cecil Claim, Maratoto* (J. Nicol, Owner).—Little or no new development work was done, but a parcel of 18 tons 2 qr. 20 lb. of quartz mined, mainly from parts of the old Payrock reef, was treated at the Golden Dawn plant, Owahoro, for a return of 6 oz. 4 dwt. gold and 322 oz. silver, valued at £52 13s. 7d., which is also the total yield and value since commencing work.

*Parker's Prospecting License*.—From this license, which was on part of the old Maoriland claim, the holder sent a parcel of 3 tons 17 cwt. of quartz to the Golden Dawn plant for treatment. It yielded 14 oz. 14 dwt. 15 gr. gold and 8 oz. 2 dwt. silver, valued at £88 8s. 8d. This is the total yield and value since commencing work.

*Komata Reefs and Te Ao-Marama* (M. J. Houlihan, Owner).—Some surface prospecting was done on these claims, and it is reported that a promising reef was located to the east of the Te Ao-Marama workings. The Te Ao-Marama No. 1 adit was picked up and retimbered, and a start made to drive on a reef that is thought to be the one located at surface. A distance of 120 ft. has been driven on this reef. In December the claims were taken over by the Golden Crown Gold-mining Co. (N.L.).

*Maratoto Consolidated, Maratoto* (J. Martin, Owner).—Some work was done on this property by a syndicate, mainly by way of putting the old No. 7 adit in working-order. Several small parcels of ore are said to have been sent away for testing, but no information is available as to the results.

*Remuera Claim, Neavesville* (M. Grace, Owner).—This claim, formerly held by the Hauraki-Alaska Gold-mining Co., has had a little prospecting; and a trial crushing of 1 cwt. of quartz sent to Thames School of Mines battery for treatment yielded 15 oz. 11 dwt. gold, valued at £63 10s. 9d. This is the total yield since commencing work.

*Golden Belt Claim, Neavesville* (M. Grace, Owner).—Practically no work was done on this claim beyond a little tributary by J. Grace, who from a clean-up on one of the old battery-sites recovered 26 oz. 9 dwt. bullion, valued at £98 17s.

*Huia Claim, Te Aroha* (W. J. Gibbs, Owner).—The only work done consisted in surface prospecting of various reefs. The claim, together with other contiguous areas, was taken over towards the end of the year by the Te Aroha Gold Syndicate, which is endeavouring to form a large company to work them.

*New Waitohi Mine, Thames* (M. Boyle, Owner).—Practically the whole of the work done on this claim during the year was carried out by Preece and party, tributary, who from several small leaders in the upper parts of the mine won 49 tons of quartz, which on treatment yielded 96 oz. 7 dwt. gold, valued at £435 11s. 2d. Total yield since commencing work, 113 oz. 3 dwt.; value, £489 19s. 2d.

*Golconda Gold-mining Co.* (S. G. Baker, Manager).—The principal work at this mine consisted in the retimbering of the main east crosscut for about 500 ft., sinking the incline shaft from the main east crosscut to a further depth of 75 ft., and driving from it at the bottom. A chamber was cut, and a drive put out south for 70 ft. At 40 ft. a reef 3½ ft. in width was cut, which was driven on for 30 ft. The quartz is said to have looked promising. A crosscut was then put in west from the chamber for 45 ft., when a break was intersected. The break was then followed northerly for 70 ft., at which point a crosscut was put in the western wall for 60 ft., where what was considered to be the main reef was cut. The crosscut was carried through this, when it proved to be a formation about 25 ft. in width, composed of ribs and stringers of quartz in which a few colours of gold were seen.

*Lucky Shot Mine*.—This mine, which covers the Lucky Shot and Evening Star claims, was entirely worked during the year by parties of tributary, numbering in all about sixteen men, who mined 90 tons of quartz, which on treatment yielded 265 oz. 11 dwt. gold, valued at £1,034 17s. 9d. The most successful party was Cropp and Sarich, who recovered gold to the value of approximately £443. Practically all the gold came from small droppers or loops on either side of the Golden Age reef. Towards the end of the year the claims were acquired by the Dawn of Hope Gold-mines (N.L.) from previous owner—Williamson. Total yield of bullion since claim taken over by this company, 60 oz. 2 dwt., value £271 6s. 9d.

*Karaka Sluicing Co.*—An attempt was made by this company to recover, from the bed of Karaka Creek, values supposed to have been lost from the many old batteries formerly operated on the creek. An hydraulic elevating-plant was installed and, later, a Day's pattern gravel-pump, and a considerable amount of work was done, but as no success attended the venture the plant was dismantled and the company went into liquidation.

*Mount Campbell Gold-mining Co.*—This company holds the Puru and Emden claims at Puru Creek. During the year some energetic prospecting was done, an adit being driven in the footwall of the Puru big reef for a distance of upwards of 400 ft.

*Ajao Claim, Thames*.—Two men were employed on this claim at Waitohi Creek. They drove a surface adit for 200 ft. in search of Foster's leader, and cleaned out the Gladstone level for some hundreds of feet with the same object in view. So far the work has not yielded any result of importance.

*Monowai Gold, Copper, and Lead Mines, Ltd., Waiomo* (J. Caisley, Manager).—This company was registered in July for the purpose of acquiring the assets of the Waiomo Sulphide Corporation, Ltd. The new company only started active operations towards the end of the year, the work consisting mainly of putting the workings of the Zeehan and Monowai Mines in order.