

QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE GOLD MINING INDUSTRY

OF TASMANIA FOR QUARTER ENDING 30th JUNE.

The production of gold in Tasmania is comparatively small and for the above quarter amounted to 1321.69 ounces, with a value of £8067. The greater part of this was obtained from the Mt. Lyell copper ores, the remainder being obtained from alluvial deposits (including those of osmiridium and tin.) and from the crushing of quartz. Prospecting is, however, being carried out on all the former goldfields, but no important discoveries have yet been made.

The production from the various divisions is given below and is followed by brief statements of the activities in the various divisions.

Northern	89.77	fine ounces.
North-eastern	23.28	" "
Eastern	95.02	" "
North-western	29.85	" "
Western.....	1083.77	" "
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EASTERN DIVISION.

Activities on the Mathinna field are rather restricted. On Church Hill arrangements were being made to sink the 200 foot shaft to 250 feet to test a reef cut in a bore-hole. At the Enterprise Mine Brock Bros. are prospecting, and re-conditioned an underlay shaft. The only production of note was that of 90.52 ounces by Evans and party from mill debris, etc. around the Golden Gate battery. Alluvial mining around Mathinna and Mangana yielded 4.50 ounces. Near Fingal, Tucker and party are prospecting near the old Fingal Reefs Mine.

NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION

Prospecting and mining were carried on at Gladstone, Warrentinna, Alberton. At Gladstone, the Gladstone G.M. Co. continued to drive northerly along the reef and stacked the quartz preparatory to crushing. At Coarse Gold Creek prospecting and shaft sinking were carried out.

At Warrentinna the Golden Cora Co. equipped the Mine, but plant difficulties prevented sluicing being carried out. At the Renown Mine preparations were being made to sink the winze below adit level.

In the Alberton field, prospecting operations (surface and underground) were carried on at the Forest King, Long Struggle and Mt. Victoria Mines by the individual owners, and also at the Northern or New River end of the field. The Mines Department drill ceased operations after four bore-holes were put down.

In the South Victoria field, driving was continued at the Hinemoa Mine, and a small amount of work was carried out at the Ura Mine.

Only fourteen ounces were won from this division, 9 of which were alluvial gold obtained from tin sluicing, the remaining five being from alluvial and quartz at Alberton.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Activities were centred around Lisle, Cradle Creek, Beaconsfield and Lefroy. At the Lisle field numerous individuals won 31.9 ounces from alluvial washings. The cradle Creek G.M. Co. produced 25165 ounces from their alluvial workings.

At Beaconsfield, the Tasmanian G.M. Syndicate obtained 3.09 ounces by opencutting and milling alluvial material but suspended operations. At the Beaconsfield Gold Mines, shaft sinking was being carried out. A total of 9 ounces of gold was won from alluvial workings.

At Lefroy, 6 ounces were won from the alluvial deposits. The Wallis Gold Mining Co. were prospecting underground at the Old Comrades Mine.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The chief activities are centred around Moina and Waratah. At the Five Mile Rise field, a party was engaged in unwatering and sampling the Great Caledonian Mine. The Mount Stormont Co. produced bismuth concentrates containing 3.1 ounces of gold. In the Bell Mount field, the Bell Mount Gold Development Syndicate were engaged in prospecting for the source of the alluvial gold. Parties and individuals were engaged in construction of races preparatory to alluvial mining.

In the Arthur River district, north of Waratah, W. North & Son won 3.23 ounces of alluvial gold. The alluvial osmiridium workings at Savage River etc. yielded 22.6 ounces of gold.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The products of the Mt. Lyell M. and R. Co. contained 1067 ounces of gold obtained through the smelting and refining of the copper ores. The Queenstown district yielded 14.13 ounces of alluvial gold and the Wilson River district (from the alluvial osmiridium deposits) yielded 1.56 ounces.

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