

63. *Diamonds*.—A company has prospected during the year for diamonds in Buhweju and in adjacent country in Ankole and Toro and although it was confirmed that sporadic diamonds exist, no economic deposit was found.

64. *Gold*.—Production of gold continues to decline and virtually all now comes from Bukedi District, Eastern Province.

65. *Lead-Zinc*.—At Kitaka Mine in northern Ankole there has been increased output of galena. The mine has been taken under option by an overseas mining group and systematic development of the mine and investigation of the surrounding country are in progress.

66. *Tin*.—Interest in tin mining has declined and the largest mine was finally closed down during the year. Tin has been mined in Uganda for over 25 years and yet only one mine of any size has been found. Most orebodies are small and irregular and are only attractive to small workers who on account of shortage of capital abandon operations as soon as they run out of ore or the grade becomes uneconomic. It is possible that, at least in some cases, new orebodies lie nearby but insufficient capital is available for development through barren ground.