

(2) GOVERNMENT PROSPECTING DRILLS.

The following table gives details of the drilling done and the results obtained for twelve months ended 31st December, 1930 :—

Drill Superintendents : W. H. Warburton, E. Wilson, R. Pengelly, and W. H. Gibson.

Drills used : Diamond and Keystone drills.

Number of Holes drilled.	Total Depth, in Feet.	Diameter of Hole.	Mineral sought.	Character of Rocks drilled through.	To whom lent.	Cost per Foot of Drilling.	Cost per Foot of Transport.	Cost per Foot of Carbon's Wear.	Results.
2	Ft. 415	In. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	Coal	Sandstone, grits, mudstone, and shale	State Coal-mines	s. d. 4 3	s. d. 2 5	s. d. 0 2	Unsatisfactory.
1	131	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	„	Ditto	Baddeley and party	8 4	2 6	1 1	„
13	2,559	2 $\frac{3}{8}$ and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	„	Sandstone, shale, &c.	Westport Coal Co.	4 3	1 10	1 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Satisfactory. Work still in progress.
12	1,087	1 $\frac{3}{16}$	„	Ditto	Charming Creek-Westport Coal Co.	6s.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	0 8	..
7	540	1 $\frac{3}{16}$	„	„	Westport - Stockton Coal Co.	In progress.
26	928	6	Gold	Clay and gravels	J. Stevenson ..	22 6	1 5
7	378	6	*	Shingle ..	Public Works Department	15 7	10 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
68	6,038								

* Testing for foundations, Buller River Bridge.

(3) SUBSIDIZED ROADS ON GOLDFIELDS.

The expenditure in the form of subsidies and direct grants upon roads on goldfields amounted to £5,381, as compared with £2,816 during the previous year.

I desire again to acknowledge the efficient help and co-operation which I have received during the year from the District Inspectors of Mines.

I have, &c.,
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Inspecting Engineer of Mines.