

(2) GOVERNMENT PROSPECTING DRILLS.

The following table gives details of the drilling done and the results obtained for twelve months ended 31st December, 1931 :—

Drill Superintendents: W. H. Warburton, E. Wilson, W. McLellan, and G. Pettigrew.
Drills used: Diamond and Keystone drills. Percussion and Hand-placer drills.

Number of Holes drilled.	Total Depth, in Feet.	Diameter of Hole.	Mineral sought.	Character of Country drilled through.	To whom lent.	Cost per Foot of Drilling.	Cost per Foot of Transport.	Cost per Foot of Carbon's Wear.	Results.
19	Ft. 3,540	In. 3, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$, and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	Coal	Grits, shale, and sandstone	Westport Coal Co.	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 1 2	s. d. 1 10·86	Satisfactory.
2	890	3	„	Shale and sandstone	State Coal-mines	In progress.
8	139	6	Gold	Gravel ..	Snowy Creek Dredging Syndicate	15 6·36	5 3·07	..	Unsatisfactory.
1	75	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	„	„ ..	Lamplough Syndicate	14 0·5	9 8·5	..	„
5	493	6	„	„ ..	Siamese Tin Syndicate	10 3·4	3 6·9
10	508	6	„	Gravel and sand..	A. Donnellan	12 1	5 9	..	Satisfactory.
45	5,645								

(3) SUBSIDIZED ROADS ON GOLDFIELDS.

The expenditure in the form of subsidies and direct grants upon roads on goldfields amounted to £2,872, as compared with £5,381 during the previous year.

Through the unexpected death of the late Mr. J. A. C. Bayne at the dawn of 1932 the Mines Department was deprived of a most efficient officer and a man under whom all District Inspectors of Mines were pleased to serve.

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