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of the coal measures on portion 131, as given me by Mr. Harris on a previous visit to the district:—

Coal, 3 ft.
Sieve, 12 ft.
Coal, 4 ft. in. with a crisp, band of stone.
Sandstone a few thin coal, 5 ft.
Coal, 4 ft.

The middle coal was that worked at the Benley Mine on portion 131. It is now being prospected by Wright and Co. near the western boundary of portion 137. The overlying sandstone can be traced through portions 122, 123, 126, 137, 138, and 176, and a shallow hole sunk on portion 183 by Mr. Harris is said to have met the roof of the coal. The coal worked in the Benley Mine does not appear to have been of very good quality, but the crop in portions 121, 122, 123, and 137 should be worth the expenditure of a little money in testing its value as it should occur across portions 174, 54 acres at least should be underlain by this seam though some of this is likely to be badly faulted.

The Bishop Seam.

The Bishop Seam lies about 150 ft. vertically above the Benley, and is now being worked by Wright and Co. on portions 127, 130, and 133, immediately south of the syndicate's property, from the Donnybrook tunnel, the seam dipping to the east. A fault along the northern boundary of portion 127 throws the seam down into portion 124 of the syndicate's property, but further faults of very considerable throw, cutting across the north-east corner of portion 124, throw the crop of the seam up and out of the syndicate's property into portions 129, 140, and 139. The seam on the syndicate's property in portion 124, between the two faults, has all been worked out by the old Boxwood tunnels.

The seam was worked on portion 140 by Messrs. Wright and Co. by a tunnel near the western boundary of the portion, but the workings have now been abandoned. The approximate position of the outcrop is shown across portions 173 and 174, running down the gully draining their northern boundary. The crop is here hidden by surface soil, and does not appear to have been prospected for in this locality.

The abandonment of Wright's workings on portion 140 does not promise well to the existence of a stableable seam across portions 173 and 174, as it seems to imply that the seam is deteriorating in value as it is traced to the east. This locality is, however, worth the expenditure of a little money in boring to locate the crop and in opening the section of the seam (if it should be at all far) to ascertain its value. There is a probability of over 50 acres on portions 174 and 175 being underlain by this seam.

The Tivoli Seam.

About 190 ft. vertically above the Bishop Seam is situated the Tivoli Seam, which was worked from a tunnel by Wright and Co. in portions 135 and 140, the workings being now abandoned. This seam has been prospected on portion 175 of the syndicate's property by a tunnel near the western boundary, but as the tunnel was driven along a fault, now showing at the entrance to the tunnel, the test can hardly be considered as an extensive one. It would be worth the expenditure of a little money to test this seam at a point (about 200 ft., say) east of the tunnel, by sinking a shaft below the sandstone overlying it to the bottom of the coal, with the view of seeing whether a workable section of coal exists here. There is a probability that the whole of the southern part of portions 174 and 175, say 28 acres in extent, is underlain by this seam. There is possibly also an area of 3 or 4 acres containing, say, 8,000 or 10,000 tons of coal on this seam in the south-east corner of portion 124 between the faults met with in the Boxwood tunnels.

Conclusions.

The geological conditions and prospecting work already accomplished do not favour the prospect of there being any large areas of valuable coal in this property, but details have already been given where further prospecting at a small expense may possibly develop small areas of workable coal. These may be again stated in brief thus:

1. Portions 124, 122, and 123 for the Benley seam; possible area of workable coal, about 34 acres, but some of it considerably faulted.
2. Portions 174 and 175 for the Bishop seam; possible area, about 50 acres.
3. Portions 174 and 175 for the Tivoli seam; possible area, about 28 acres containing, say, 8,000 or 10,000 tons of coal on this seam in the south-east corner of portion 124 between the faults met with in the Boxwood tunnels.

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CRADLINGS.

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QUEENSLAND.

The manager of the Brilliant Extended wires that the half-yearly balance shows that the mine earned £260,000 for proceeds worth £103,000, and cyanide of wolfram 1,500 tons for proceeds worth £1,255.

A TELEGRAM bearing date 30th November received from the secretary at Rockhampton, Blair Athol Coal and Timber Company, Limited, advises the declaration of a dividend of 6d., payable on 20th December.

The whole of the 300,000 shares in the Macgregor-Clooney Copper Mines, Limited, Queensland, issued under the recent reconstruction scheme, have been applied for; consequently, the underwriters will be relieved of all liability.

Tin mining has been started in the Wolfram-bismuth and bismuth at Banford. Messrs. Gouge and Fletcher, in their report, state that the ore contains 2 tons of wolfram-bismuth and 1 ton of wolfram-bismuth and 1 ton of wolfram.

Tin developments in the Vulcan Mine are exceeding the previous good opinions formed of them. The latest boring in the face gave 8 to 20 per cent. of tin.

The Renard road train, now running between Inglewood and Texas, is stated to be giving satisfaction, but (states the "Warwick Argus") it is probable that to ensure a revenue substantial, the Department will have to consider the question of the road and for the exclusive use of the train. Under existing conditions, trouble is experienced by heavy traffic cutting up the track used by the train. Mr. J. Lewis, inspector from the Commissioner's Office, has visited the route between Inglewood and Texas, and his investigations will form the matter of a report to the Commissioner.

A Melbourne telegram to the "Brisbane Courier," dated 20th November, says:—"The Hampden Cloucorry Company has received a message from Mr. Keats, who has been in Brisbane negotiating with the Queensland Government for a road from the Mount Elliott and Cloucorry Railway. Mr. Keats states the Government has consented to repaying the capital sunk in the matter, subject to the consent of Parliament. Mr. Keats adds the Government promises to build a railway to the Fyshwick Mine, 36 miles in length. With £40,000 refund from the Government, the road is expected to cost £60,000. The company apparently will not want the use of £60,000 just raised by the issue of debentures, mainly for the line. The company has granted a renewal of the call held by Mr. Baillieu over 50,000 shares, and the price for a half-year, the price to be paid being 20s., against 18s. formerly."

NEW SOUTH WALES.

COPPER CREEK CENTRAL T.D. COMPANY has declared its fourteenth dividend, 6d., per share, payable on the 30th instant, and amounting to £750.

Owning, it is said, to a ring among buyers, who will not give above a certain price, fully £20,000 worth of opal on the Lightning Ridge Field, in the Collarenebri district, cannot be disposed of.

At the Broken Hill Block No. 14 improved work has been done in the Murex plant, which is being added to, so as to obtain better results. This plant is being run by the Murex Company entirely at its own expense. The company is still on the lookout for another property.

A report from Adelong states that, at the Gap, Donnellan and Sons have been operating for some time past on a nice quartz indicator, 4 tons 14 cwt., which milled 12 oz. 14 dwt. smelted gold. The prospecting shaft is down 34 ft. The reef has not yet increased to a payable size. The surface bunch is still in evidence.

A wire which was received from Drake lately stated that Messrs. Headrick and Peter Paulsen have made a valuable gold discovery at Emu Creek, adjacent to the old Rellane Mine. The