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Epping Woolert - 1

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14th September, 1945.From the "Age" - 3/5/23.Oil Prospecting At Epping.

Whittlesea: Good oil bearing country has been discovered in Epping township. Owing to dry weather a bore was being put down for water and oil was found. This led to tests being made over a large area and the country was found to be oil bearing. A company has been formed called the Epping-Woolbert Petroleum Company N.L., and leases have been applied for.

From the "Argus" - 1/6/23?Lease Pegs on RacecourseNovel Sight at Caulfield.

Some surprise has been caused within the last day or two by the appearance on the central portion of the Caulfield racecourse of a number of pegs such as are employed in pegging out mining leases. The pegs bear the name Hoffman. Although it is not legally impossible to obtain permission to mine even on such an area as a popular Metropolitan racecourse which one associated rather with the rising of wealth than the winning of it, it is highly improbable that applications for mining leases

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The Epping Woolbert Petroleum Company let a contract to the Footscray Boring Company to bore on a basalt covered area west of the railway line near Epping Township. The site was selected by an individual who claimed that he had had extensive experience on the Roumanian oilfields. A water weed which grows rather prolifically on volcanic soil in the early Spring was regarded as a favourable indication, the same plant being supposed to grow in Roumania. The "expert" claimed that there was only one man in Victoria who was able to identify the plant and he was stated to be a Southern European also. A sample of the plant together with one obtained from basalt at Clifton Hill was readily identified by Mr. A. D. Hardy.

The Company erected an elaborate boring Superintendent's Office and surrounded the drill with two high fences liberally supplied with barbed wire. On reaching a depth of about 100 feet, exceptionally hard basalt was encountered. The drilling Company was anxious to terminate the contract but the "field superintendent" had a plan drawn up which showed the strata that the bore would intersect. On behalf of some of the directors, an inspection of the area was made, the plant and office equipment examined, and the directors informed that as the whole show had been founded on false premises there was no justification in wasting any further money. Shortly afterwards the company was wound up.

well being found in the locality.

Dealing with statements that have been published recently that geologists denied the possibility of oil being discovered in California before oil wells were found, Mr. Stanley Hunter said that investigations had shown that geologists had made no such general statements.

From Barag Wanaah 1947

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