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2 bores.

• No 1 Ligneous clay 45' to 290', bottomed below 300 in S3.

No 2 " " " 45' to 230 T.P.

Distance between 142 & 400 yds.

*Canceled.*

Search for Oil - Investigations near Newstead.

"Argus", 30/3/1922.

Werona No 1

A Syndicate of prospectors from Ballarat and Werona operated unsuccessfully for oil seams at Werona. Boring operations were continued for several weeks in Mr. Longmire's paddock and at a depth of 300 feet a shale bottom was reached without any indication of the presence of oil. It is probable that further prospecting will be carried on in the locality.

"The Age", 20/4/1922.

Fifty years ago a farmer in the Werona district, eight miles from Newstead ( the late Mr. Thomas Spinks) in sinking a well for domestic purposes struck an inflammable substance like black clay. This was met with at about 40 feet from the surface and continued to a depth of 80 feet when water was struck but the water proved to be of no use for stock on account of its peculiar flavour. The well was therefore filled up and forgotten until recently when an enterprising syndicate approached the Govt. to bore on the £ for £ basis but the offer was not accepted. The Syndicate then decided to bore at its own expense. A No. 1 Bore was put down and struck the substance at 45 feet and continued to go through the same material to the depth of 290 feet and bottomed on hard sandstone. This material when analysed by the Mines Department proved to be a ligneous clay consisting of volatile matter, carbon and ash, the volatile matter increasing at the deeper level. No. 2 Bore struck this same clay at the same level as No. 1 Bore and bottomed at 230 feet. The distance between these bores is 400 yards.

analysis  
257-a/1921  
304/1922

No 3

The material in No. 2 Bore resembles coal and when put on a fire, burns brightly. Samples have been forwarded to the Mines Department for further analysis and the party is now proceeding with a third bore. The district is noted for its geological peculiarities, its mineral springs and its gaseous blows or vents from which a considerable volume of non-inflammable gas constantly escapes. It has been known for many years and is also marked by a shallow hole sunk by some prospector . When this hole is full of water it has the appearance of boiling. In the summertime when the water is dried up the flow of gas continues. Within a short distance are surface outcrops of Ordovician beds striking in a northerly direction. A faint mineral smell similar to that at the Hepburn Springs can be noticed. This vent is situated on a slope extending westerly from the basalt covered ridge to the valley of a creek. Strange noises are frequently heard in this locality especially when anticyclonic weather conditions prevail. These noises are known as "Hanley's Guns", named after an old resident of the district which are believed to be masses of gas floating in mid air and ignited by electric currents. The noises are heard both day and night also on Sundays which disproves the theory of blasting operations in or near the locality.

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