



NELSON BORE (GLENELG-1)

WELL SUMMARY

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● Just a note to inform of the whereabouts of additional information to do with this well.

— Oil Wells
See files in filing cabinet for "Nelson Bore" and "Glenelg-1". Each contains unique information including palynology, logs, drilling reports and general information to do with the drilling of the well.

There is also a Nelson Bore No. 1 which should not be confused with the Nelson Bore. They are situated 150 feet apart.

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1.0 Well Summary

1.1 Well Card

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1.3 Well History

Summary

NELSON OIL BORE PROGRESS

Boring with the Commonwealth Government's deep-drilling plant at Nelson has reached a depth of 5,938 feet, striking micaceous sand containing grains of glauconite. This was stated yesterday by Mr G. Brown, Secretary for Mines. Glauconite was found in bores at Lakes Entrance, but it is emphasised that oil is not always associated with glauconite deposits.

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17th April, 1950.

Report on Geelong Oil Flow Company's Well No. 1 at Torquay

by N. Boutakoff, D.Sc.

1. Historical Review.

Geelong Oil Flow Company's well No. 1, located in Allotment 59, Parish of Puebla, near Torquay, was started early in 1948. The exact date of commencement of drilling cannot be ascertained from the records in this Department.

After drilling in clays and sands down to 70 feet, it penetrated marls and limestones with silty bands at the top, which are of Miocene age and which outcrop on the ocean cliffs nearby. The well remained in marl and limestone down to 867 feet, where ligneous sand of the lower Tertiary series was reported on the 7th May, 1949. Ligneous beds, mostly sand, were drilled through down to 1,100 feet, when the sandy beds were replaced by ligneous clay and the drill remained in this clay down to 1,200 feet.

At 1,200 feet a sharp change in lithology occurred and the sandstone and schistose rocks bored from 1,200-1,210 feet and 1,210-1,220 feet on 13th August, 1948, were declared to be "bedrock, probably Jurassic" by the Chief Government Geologist, Dr. D. E. Thomas.

As a result of this determination, the Geelong Oil Flow Company was informed by letter (S/NO of 11th August, 1948) that the bore "reached bedrock between 1,180 and 1,190 feet. In view of this no useful purpose will be served by carrying the bore down to a greater depth".

In spite of this advice, the Company informed the Secretary for Mines on the 6th September, 1948, that "it is intended to continue the search for oil indefinitely. The Directors will be guided entirely by the Company's Geologist, Dr. J. B. Pritchard". It further found it impossible to furnish this Department with its proposed scheme of operations.

By her Report No. 1948/65, Pal. Ser. No. 27 of 14th October, 1948, Miss I. Craspin, Commonwealth Palaeontologist, entirely confirmed this Department's tentative diagnosis and stated that from 1,200 feet down "sandstone similar to the gray sandstone of the Jurassic rocks in the Geelong area, continued from this depth down to the last sample received at 1,260 feet".

Further support of this is contained in a report by Miss K. M. Pike of Melbourne University, on samples from No. 1 bore, Allotment 57, Parish of Puebla, where it is stated from palaeobotanical evidence that the material was definitely pre-Tertiary in age and the contained

2 Additional specimens from Allotment 57 Torquay. Pub. 9/1/50.

micro-spores were very similar to those of Wonthaggi coal.

In spite of these reports, based on careful scientific work and the warnings issued by this Department, the well was continued, and on 16th November 1948, a deputation led by Mr. M.L.C. McDonald, interviewed the Minister. At this meeting the viewpoint of the Department was once more clearly expressed. Dr. D.E. Thomas stated: "We have this evidence of the Jurassic age of the rock; we merely wish to draw your attention to the fact that you have passed through the oil-bearing Tertiary rock We say definitely that you have passed through the Tertiary and are in the Jurassic Strata - which is underneath the oil-bearing Strata".

However, the well was continued and drilled in Jurassic rock for another year when, at a depth of 1,800 feet, high temperature water and inflammable gas caused some stir on the 2nd September, 1949. The writer visited the well on the 14th September, 1949, and took gas samples in company with Mr. F.P. Field, Chief Chemist. The gas was found to be hydrogen (63.1%) Methane (19.8%) and Nitrogen (13.5%) with traces of Co (1.49%) Co₂ (0.7%) O₂ (0.5%) and Ethane (0.7%) with unsaturated hydrocarbon (0.3%) making up the remaining fraction. A report was submitted on 26th September, 1949, which stated that the gas collected presented no relationship whatsoever to petroleum gas and, moreover, rock samples collected by the writer from the bailer at this depth, were Jurassic sandstone and shale, with small coal seamlets.

The collecting was carried out in the presence of the Oil Flow Company's Board of Directors. The diviner who had located the well-site was present and insisted on further drilling. Dr. Pritchard was not present. In spite of the writer's and Mr. F.P. Field's report, the drilling of the well in Jurassic was resumed.

Bituminous coal was again encountered in the 1,870-1,910 feet interval in blue mudstone, occasionally described as "clay". At 2,030 feet coal fragments were again noted by Dr. D.E. Thomas. The well reached the depth of 2,050 feet on 20th January 1950, still in fresh-water Jurassic rock.

2. Oil Possibilities.

Two formations are superimposed in the Torquay well; the Tertiary above and the Jurassic below. As shown above, the break between these two formations occurs around 1,200 feet. The Tertiaries are marine beds and consist of 70 feet of clay and sand, resting upon 797 feet of marl and limestone, which in turn rest upon 233 feet of ligneous sand and 100 feet of ligneous clay at the base of the formation.

The Jurassic formation is of fresh water (lake and swamp) depositional origin and consists of alternating sandstones and shales containing coal seamlets. Its thickness penetrated in the well is 850 feet, and its probable total thickness is considerably greater. Faulting accounts for the gas and hot water encountered in the 1,800-1,910 feet interval. The Tertiary beds are oil-bearing in the Lakes Entrance district. However, no trace of oil has been encountered in these beds in any of the many wells drilled in the Coolong area, and the Torquay well has failed to change this position.

The Jurassic rocks being of fresh-water origin can in no case be a source of oil. If brought in contact

with a source rock of marine origin, it is quite conceivable that Jurassic sandstone could possibly become a good secondary reservoir. However, no trace of oil has ever been detected in the superimposed Tertiaries of this area and, consequently, no oil has migrated into the Jurassic sandstone below. Furthermore, no trace of oil has ever been encountered in the Jurassic rocks of Victoria in the many bore and coal mining operations carried out in this formation. It is consequently considered as highly improbable that commercial oil will be found in Jurassic beds, vast outcrops of which do occur over this State. These are intensely fractured and present no trace of oil or gas seepages anywhere in Victoria.

The so-called traces of "oil", obtained from solution of black drilling scum, by Dr. Fritchard are bitumin extractions from coal, many seams of which have been traversed by the Torquay well. Their evidence is of no consequence and conclusions based on such evidence, in respect to commercial oil possibilities are rash.

Conclusions and Recommendations.

The writer's qualified opinion is as follows: The Geelong Oil Flow Company is wasting its time and the money of its shareholders in the drilling of this diviner-location well. The continuance of this drilling below the 1,200 feet level, when advice to stop the well, based on careful scientific examination of the cores, was duly given by this Department is especially to be regretted, because costs of drilling have become particularly heavy below that level, when hard rock was encountered, while prospects of obtaining commercial oil have, at the same time, become practically negligible.

It is hoped that future oil ventures in Victoria may be based on evidence more serious than "underground pools and oil rivers" located by diviners.

It is earnestly recommended that no public money be expended upon undertakings unsupported by proper scientific evidence and continued against geological advice.

1.4 Operations Summary

C O P Y

1st August, 1944.

NELSON BORE

MR. A. G. SMITH:

In accordance with the suggestions contained in the final paragraph of my minute dated 12/7/44, I visited the Nelson Bore. Owing to circumstances outside his control, Mr. Binney was unable to accompany me.

When I arrived at the bore, at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 19th instant, I found the crew inserting drill pipe. During the day I observed them finish running-in, drill six (6) feet of core between 6,101 and 6,107 feet, pull out 37 stands of drill pipe, and fill the bore with mud preparatory to shutting-down for the night. This gave me an excellent opportunity to study methods of working, and to discuss them with Mr. Best. A full report on my visit is attached hereto.

On the whole I was very favourably impressed with the present conduct of operations. Equipment is being maintained in good condition, the drilling crew works efficiently and with an excellent team spirit.

The main objectives of the bore are -

- (a) To prove the nature and depth of sedimentaries overlying the basement;
- (b) To determine the nature of the basement;
- (c) To find indications of oil and/or gas.

Since it is impossible to forecast the depth to basement, the drilling programme must be planned to reach the maximum possible depth with the plant and equipment available.

In my earlier writing I stated that the $5\frac{5}{8}$ -inch hole might be assumed to have been reduced in size to $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches, by the plastering action of the mud flush, and that in view of this fact, plus hole size and limited clearance around tool joints, the bore had already passed safe drilling depth. The case of running in and pulling out drill pipe indicates that the $5\frac{5}{8}$ -inch hole between 4,227 and 5,708 feet has not been reduced in size, an important factor when estimating the depth to which the bore may now be taken.

The problems surrounding the Nelson bore are being examined on the basis of giving the bore a depth objective of 7,500 feet. With this in view I have the following recommendations to make, the page numbers refer to the attached report on my visit of 19/7/44 to Nelson.

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Third boiler to be installed.	4
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Weight indicator to be kept in order.	7
Bit to carry more weight while drilling.	7
Pumps to be compounded.	8
Bore hole to be kept clear by "Passing collars."	8
Stop watch to be provided.	9

The following additional recommendations should receive consideration:-

The verticality of the hole should be tested as soon as possible by means of the Eastman regular type single shot clinograph now in Alexandria Store.

On the completion of drilling operations at Nelson, all drilling plant should be dismantled, thoroughly cleaned and inspected, preferably by Mr. Best. A detailed report should be submitted for each piece of machinery, and the report should specify replacement parts and repairs which will be required to put the unit in first class condition for further work.

I am at present engaged upon tests of the circulation mud; when these are completed recommendations will be submitted on mud control.

(Signed) H. TEMPLE WATTS,
Petroleum Engineer.

1st August, 1944.

REPORT ON VISIT TO NELSON BORE 19/7/44
(To accompany Minute dated 1/8/44.)

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General Set-up -

Travelling Block: 8-line stringing, 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " wire line.

Drill Pipe: 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch A.P.I. with Regular tool joints.

At date, the following drill pipe is in reserve:-

On rack	7	lengths
On ground	8	"
To be straightened	3	"
	18	"

Pipe in use, plus this reserve, will carry the bore to 6,500 feet. Sixteen additional lengths on site are reported to be unsuitable for further use as drill pipe. In view of the possibility of some additional lengths being scrapped, immediate steps should be taken to locate other 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch drill pipe, tool joints and collars. Dr. Raggatt, in a memo. to Secretary for Mines under date 23/5/44, states that only seven lengths (about 132 feet) are available at Alexandria.

Drill Pipe Protectors: One per length of drill pipe, but used in cased section of hole only. In normal practice when drilling in abrasive formations the protectors would be used in the uncased section of hole also; in view of the small clearance Mr. Best has wisely decided not to use them outside the casing shoe.

/Drilling...

Drilling and Coring Bits: The following table shows the position with regard to bits:-

<u>Type</u>	<u>Received from U.S.A.</u>	<u>Used in bore</u>	<u>Average footage per bit (Mr. Best).</u>
Hughes Core	36	4	12
" Tri-cone	24	5	60
" Two-cone	24	-	-

Unless formations of a much harder or more abrasive nature are encountered, bit supplies will be adequate.

Slush Pumps - steam: 12" x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 14" stroke, fitted with 4-inch liners. Piston rods are 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter. Maximum steaming pressure of boilers is 150 lb./sq. in.

Slush Pump - diesel: 5" x 10" stroke fitted with 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch liners. Piston rods are 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter. Diesel engine is 72 B.H.P.

Vibrating Screen: Suitable screens have not been obtainable locally, and the vibrating screen is not in use.

Emergency Hoist: Calf-wheel brake has not been installed. As the calf-wheel has a steel rim the brake band should be drilled and fitted with $\frac{1}{2}$ " Ferrodo or similar brake segments 7" wide x 12" long, spaced $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch apart. About 18 segments will be required, each held by 8 x $\frac{1}{4}$ " aluminium rivets, or C.S. brass bolts. The steel brake band should be marked by Mr. Best and sent to a properly equipped shop for drilling.

Chains and working parts of the hoist should be kept well greased, and the hoist operated once per week under load of, say. 2,500' of drill pipe.

Kelly and Drive: Kelly drive bushings are badly worn and are damaging the kelly. Even with packing pieces inserted between the drive and table bushings the 3-inch kelly is not held squarely in the opening. This results in serious jamming which supports part of the weight of drill pipe, making it impossible for the driller to maintain even weight on the bit while drilling.

A roller bearing drive bushing is at the rig and will be installed immediately. As the kelly is already badly worn, it may give trouble even with the new bushings.

In normal drilling practice kellies are annealed periodically; Mr. Best states that the Nelson kelly has been in use without annealing, and that it has already broken once. As facilities for annealing may not be available, steps should be taken to obtain a replacement kelly from one of the Oil Prospecting Companies. The kelly protector sub has not been reconditioned for a considerable time and the threads are in poor condition. The sub pin should be remachined.

/Swivel:...

Swivel: No spares are available at Nelson, and it is not known if they are held in stock at Alexandria. A replacement swivel could, however, be obtained from ~~ROMA~~ Roma Blocks Ltd. or some other Company, if required.

The existing swivel was inspected by Mr. Best and found to be in good working order when received at Nelson.

Elevator Links: Only one pair of 2" x 72" links are at Nelson for use with 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ "-inch Drill pipe elevators. A second set was taken from the bore during the shut-down period; these should be returned to Nelson immediately.

A pair of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 72" links, too large for use with 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " drill pipe elevators, can be offered in substitution for the 2" x 72" links to be returned.

Block Line: No spare line is available at Nelson. The existing line, 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 2,250' is generally in good condition, but Mr. Best states it is showing signs of wear in the central portion. He intends to reverse the line when the wear is more pronounced, thereby putting into use the new portion now spooled on the ~~ROMA~~ calf-wheel.

The position of the worn section, about the middle of the line, indicates that the wear may be occurring at the dead-line sheave on the crown block. This sheave, which carries the dead-line from the calf-wheel, does not rotate during drilling operations, and is subject only to part rotation when the block line is alternately stressed and relieved during hoisting operations. If there is a flaw in the lubricating system or in the bearings of this sheave, excessive friction will be set up which will result in abnormal wear on the line.

The behaviour of the weight indicator, which is noticeably sluggish during drilling operations, also points to possible trouble at the dead-line sheave.

Mr. Best informs me that the line is shortened periodically. This shortening consists of cutting off about 6 feet of line at the rotary drum and results in new sections of line coming into contact at the places where most wear occurs. These places are -

- (1) at the end and beginning of each lap of wire on the rotary drum.
- (2) at the dead-line sheave.
- (3) at the calf-wheel.

The line should be shortened once per week, or more often if noticeable wear is seen on the abovementioned sections.

To minimise wear at the calf-wheel drum, the last 6 to 12 turns of line should be spooled over a layer of Balata belting.

Wire line Spooler: This was designed for use with a 120-ft. derrick. The Nelson derrick is only 94 feet high and the

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block line accordingly lies at a different angle; thus it happens that the sheaves of the Emsco wire spooler are not running true on the line, and are probably causing some wear. An improvement could be effected by affixing a bracket to the head-board, and mounting the wire spooler on this bracket in a correct position in relation to the block line.

Boilers: Considerable trouble is being experienced with the tubes in No. 1 boiler; Mr. Binney has had difficulty in obtaining suitable tubes for replacement purposes and the matter is still receiving his attention.

The supply of firewood is adequate and although much of the wood is green there has been no difficulty in keeping a head of steam for normal drilling. Valves are set to blow off at 150 lb./square inch.

When pulling out of the hole both boilers are taxed to the limit and the head of steam is rapidly pulled down. It is probable that the overload when pulling out, and the nightly shut down, are primarily the causes of tube trouble. Some improvement in boiler operation would result if the feed water were pre-heated by means of the exhaust steam from the engine.

It will probably be necessary to instal a third boiler if the bore-hole is to be carried below 6,500 feet. A boiler is available in Alexandria store, which could be put in working order at a cost of around £50. (Mr. Dee 17/3/43). No pipework or external fittings are available at Alexandria, and it is not known if the figure quoted by Mr. Dee covers these items.

OPERATING TECHNIQUE

Working Conditions: Working hours are 8.15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive. The bore is shut down on Saturday and Sunday and, owing to lack of skilled labour, it has not been possible to run a second shift.

Mr. Best goes to the rig early each morning to raise steam and grease up the machinery so that the driller can start running-in as soon as he comes on shift.

Since it is necessary to pull the tools back inside the casing (Shoe is at 4,227 feet) at the end of each shift, and run to bottom at the beginning of the next shift, it follows that as the hole becomes progressively deeper less and less time will be spent drilling or coring on bottom.

Thus far the bore has stood up very well, Mr. Best reporting that having left bottom at 3.30 p.m. on Friday last, to pull back to the shoe, the tools were run down and drilling resumed by 11.30 a.m. on Monday.

The average progress since the resumption of drilling at 5,708 feet has been 39.3 feet per week. Assuming that good drilling conditions persist, boring may continue for some weeks under the present system of operation. If difficult formations are encountered it will be

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necessary to arrange immediately for continuous operation, 24 hours daily and 7 days weekly.

In view of the small clearance around the tool joints, and of the depth of uncased hole, every attempt must be made to secure proper working conditions. If progress is held up under one-shift operation boring should be suspended until a second shift is available. The safety of the bore hole must not be jeopardised.

Running-in Drill Pipe: On the day of my visit Driller Hughes started into the hole with the core barrel, at 8.30 a.m. Circulation was established 3 stands (198 feet) off bottom, the pump pressure at start being 1,200 lbs./sq. inch, dropping back gradually to 600 lbs./sq. inch, Circulation was again established 1 stand off bottom with 1,000 lbs./sq. inch pressure, and at bottom with 900 lbs./sq. inch. The Diesel-driven pump was in use.

While lowering the last stand the weight indicator showed 24 points; the normal hanging weight was later found to be 32 points - the difference of 6 points indicating the plastic nature of the mud in the lower part of the bore. Owing to the sluggish operation of the weight indicator, the difference between lowering and hanging weights may have been greater than that recorded.

When lifting drill pipe from the slips with last stand in hole the reading was 37 points; when pulling out later in the day, after drilling and circulating for some hours, the reading was 34 points. The reading for blocks and hook was 12 points.

Under existing conditions in the bore running in speeds are not excessive; they should not be increased however, and if the bore shows signs of mud ringing they will, no doubt, be reduced at the instruction of Foreman Best.

Pulling-out Drill Pipe:

Driller Hughes reports that there is no drag when pulling out. The following table shows the weight indicator readings recorded by me, while the core barrel was being hoisted, on 19/7/44, the depth then being 6.107 feet:-

Time started to hoist	Stand No.	Reading at start	Maximum reading while pulling	Minimum reading while pulling
3.42 p.m.	1	33	34	33
3.45 p.m.	2	33	35	31½
3.46½ "	3	32½	34	32
3.48½ "	4	32½	33	31
3.49½ "	5	32½	33	31
3.51	6	31½	32½	30
4.07 "	14	30	30	28
4.20½ "	22	28	28	26
4.34 "	30	26	26	25
4.37 "	32	25½	26	
4.46 "	37			

stands pulled; filled bore with mud and shut down for the night at 5.p.m. Core barrel entered casing shoe at about 29th stand.

/The weight

②②②② The weight indicator needle oscillated appreciably while pulling the first three stands, but was fairly steady while pulling the remainder. This indicates that the hole between 4,227 and 5,800 feet is in very good condition, but may possibly be mud-ringing slightly between 5,900 feet and bottom. Attention is again drawn to the sluggishness of the weight indicator and the present impossibility of obtaining accurate readings.

Driller Hughes reports that the normal pull out is made with 2 stands on low gear, about 60 stands on second, and the remainder (30 stands) on high gear.

In view of the possibility of mud-ringing or other deformation of the bore walls, it will be advisable to pull the first 3 stands on low gear, and to pull them slowly. This will minimize the swabbing effect of the tools thereby leaving the hole in better condition for the next run-in. Also, it will enable the driller to observe any drag on the bit, and to cease hoisting if the weight indicator shows a continuously increasing pull.

In addition, it will be advisable to start each stand slowly away from the slips and subsequently to accelerate to the desired hoisting speed, until the bit has entered the casing shoe.

When pulling-out, the level of the mud fluid in the bore is progressively lowered as the drill pipe is withdrawn. Mud is pumped into the bore to restore the fluid level, once when the drill pipe is half out, again when all pipe is out. With half the drill pipe out the fluid level will have dropped to 450 feet, with a resultant reduction of 235 lbs. per square inch in the pressure exerted at the bottom of the bore by the mud column. This reduction in pressure coupled with the swabbing action of the tools will tend to break down the bore walls, and may seriously retard drilling if caving or other troublesome formations are encountered.

It will be advisable to keep the bore full of mud while pulling out; this may be done without loss of time by fitting a small hose to the pump blow-down, the other end of the hose to be inserted in the conductor box, and by having the pump engine running slowly. The excess mud pumped, if any, will return to the flume.

The drill pipe is broken-out by rotary.

Two safety measures are to receive the attention of Mr. Best. Derrickman's safety belt is to be inspected and the safety rope renewed periodically; an adjustable sun screen is to be mounted at side of derrick if the driller finds the sun's glare troublesome on long trips.

Drilling and Coring: During my visit new hole was cored from 6,104 to 6,107 feet, in 3 hours 5 minutes. Table speed was maintained at about 50 R.P.M., with about 3 vernier points on the weight indicator. Owing to the kelly jamming in the drive bushings and to the sluggishness of the weight indicator it was difficult for the driller to maintain constant weight on the bit.

/While

While drilling with a rock bit a check on weight may readily be made by picking-up the tools off bottom; this is not good practice when coring, for it results in breakage of the core. With the deep hole and the small bit diameter it is essential that all working parts should be in first class condition if the driller is to control the bit weight accurately. Everything possible should be done to keep the weight indicator functioning properly.

Another method for checking possibly excessive weight on the bit is to throw out the rotary clutch and observe the amount of torque in the drill pipe. This method is followed at Nelson, but while better than nothing it is a poor substitute for a good weight indicator. The torque amounted to less than half-a-turn when washing down through heavy mud near bottom, and a bare half-turn when coring.

The makers recommend not more than 1,000 lbs. per inch of bit diameter, which would give a maximum permissible loading of 4,750 lbs. on the rock bits now in use. With 8 lines strung on the blocks this loading would be represented by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points on the weight indicator. The maximum permissible loading for core bits is roughly $\frac{2}{3}$ of that for rock bits.

The amount of weight carried on the bit has a direct influence on the size of cuttings obtained if the stratum is not extremely friable. The absence of cuttings of a size large enough to be collected as samples on a screen may be due to insufficient weight on the bit. When the indicator is in good working order tests should be made carrying progressively heavier weights, keeping within the maximum recommended by the maker. The use of light drilling weight is, in general, advocated to ensure straight hole but there is no possibility of drilling "crooked hole" with the existing small clearance around tool joints.

The pump pressure was 750 to 850 lbs./sq. inch at the commencement of coring, but had dropped to 550 - 600 lbs./sq. inch after $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours steady coring and circulation. The diesel-driven pump was running at 45 R.P.M. (crank shaft speed) throughout.

The pump pressure ^u ~~was~~ when breaking circulation after running-in, was 1,200 lbs./sq. inch. When working at this pressure an overall mechanical efficiency of 55% was developed by the pumping unit; since the mechanical efficiency for this class of pump is usually rated at 60%, it is apparent that the unit has very nearly reached the limit of loading.

To break circulation at higher pressures Mr. Best proposes to remove two suction valves from the pump, thereby decreasing the volumetric output and enabling a proportionately higher pressure to be built up. This results, however, in a severe pulsating movement which will, in time, cause damage to the mud lines and pump. Also, the diesel-driven pump is only rated for working pressure of 1,000 lbs./sq. inch and will be seriously overloaded.

If consistently high pressures are required it will be advisable to compound the two pumps, leading the discharge of the diesel-driven pump into the suction of the steam pump; the latter, rated for 2,000 lbs./sq. in. working pressure, will be suitable for operation at that pressure.

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If the pumps are compounded in this manner it will be necessary to instal a variable flow mud bean in the blow-down of the diesel-driven pump, to control the pressure passing to the second pump while starting up.

Under present conditions in the bore, the walls appear to be standing up very well during drilling periods. As the depth increases, or if appreciable mud-ringing develops, it will be necessary to pull up off bottom and "pass collars" periodically to keep the hole clear. No definite period can be given for passing collars, the operation being carried out as often as is necessary.

Mud Control: When operations were resumed on 22nd April, after a shut-down of 3½ months' duration, the bore was found to be in good condition, and no difficulty was experienced in washing down to bottom, 5,708 feet, which was reached by 4th May. Mr. Best reports that chunks of plastic mud were obtained in the returns.

Mention has been made earlier in this report on the behaviour of the bore when shut down over the week-end, (see page 4). There is apparently no tendency for the mud to settle out completely, thereby forming a @@@@ solid cake; the action appeared to be limited to the loss of some water and @@ the formation of a semi-plastic mud which is readily broken down by circulation.

The rotary mud is prepared from Glenelg River silt which is delivered to the bore site by a 2 horse dray at a charge of £2/10/- per day. Since 6 to 8 loads, each of about 2 cubic yards, are brought in daily the rotary mud is obtainable at a very low cost. With 1.2 specific gravity mud in use, a complete change of mud can be @@ obtained for the present depth of the bore at a cost of about @@ £1 for silt, plus mixing costs. Mr. Best reports that the supply of silt near the bore is running low and that new sites may have to be found. The band from which rig supplies are at present drawn is 4 inches in thickness, with a thin capping of detritus and underlain by sand. The band originally drawn from has cut out.

Mr. Best reports that there have been no losses of mud to the formation. There is a constant loss of water to the formation while drilling, which is replaced by adding water to the returns at surface. With 45 R.P.M. on the Diesel-driven pump the circulation rate at the mud pipe was 48 gallons per minute, and water was being added in the flame at the rate of 3 to 4 gallons per minute.

No formations have been drilled between 5,708 and 6,100 feet which would make mud while drilling. The constant addition of water to the flush to maintain a given specific gravity, plus the addition of sandy formations being drilled, results in an overall increase in the volume of circulation mud, the excess being pumped to waste.

Mr. Best reports also that no water or oil shows have been observed since the resumption of drilling and that the only gas show active is a small one at about 4,600 feet (depth subject to confirmation).

The drilling mud is being maintained at about 1.2 specific gravity, and was 1.187 sp. gr. on the day of my visit.

/Temperature

Temperature of the mud at the return pipe was 78° F, and of the mud in the suction pit was 75½° F; atmospheric shade temperature was 62° F. The low temperature of the returns points to a low thermal gradient for this area. An attempt is to be made to obtain the bottom hole temperature by means of a maximum recording thermometer run in the core barrel. As the type of thermometer to be used was not designed for this class of work, hoisting and breaking of tool joints will have to be done gently when pulling out.

Owing to the lack of a stop watch, or other means of measuring time, viscosity readings have not been taken. These readings are of paramount importance for the control of mud fluid, and a stop watch should be provided immediately.

Four drums of circulation mud were obtained on 19/7/44 as follows -

Time	Drum No.	Depth of hole	Operation in hand	Source of mud
12.20 p.m.	1	6,101'	Washing down, 2 feet off bottom.	Returns
2.20 "	2	6,104'	Coring	"
3.00 "	3	6,105'4"	"	"
3.30 "	4	6,107'	"	"

These, together with a quantity of Glenelg River silt, have been brought to Melbourne for testing with a view to finding the best method of reducing viscosity while maintaining good wall-building properties.

Mr. Best reports that no bentonite has been added to the mud since drilling was suspended at 5,708 feet.

(Signed) H. Temple Watts

Petroleum Engineer.

1st August, 1944.

2.0 Lithology

2.1 Weekly Drilling Record

NELSON BORE (GLENELG-1) ?

DEPARTMENT OF MINES.

Week Ending 4/19/1942
Consecutive Report No. of this Bore 39
Postal Address Belconnen

Bore No. 119 Parish Belconnen
Allotment 119 Section 119 SEP-1942
Boring Operations with 119 Drill No. 119 for Coal, Oil, Water, Gold*
Diameter of Bore Hole 1 1/2 inches Reduced to 1 1/8 inches diameter at 3963 feet

FEET BORED.				CASING.				TOOLS USED.			FUEL.	
Shift.	From.	To.	For Shift.	Size.	In Hole.	Not In Use.	Total.	From.	To.	Brought forward	Received during Week	
	feet.	feet.	feet.	Inch.	feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.			
Monday 31 8 42	a.m.	4025	4032	8								
	p.m.	4032	4041									
Tuesday 1 19 1942	a.m.	4041	4061	7								
	p.m.	4061	4079									
Wednesday 2 19 1942	a.m.	4079	4085	6								
	p.m.	4085	4085									
Thursday 3 19 1942	a.m.	4085	4085	5								
	p.m.	4085	4085									
Friday 4 19 1942	a.m.	4085	4085	4								
	p.m.	4085	4085									
Saturday 20 9 1942	a.m.	4085	4085									
TOTAL FOR WEEK											240	

WATER.
Struck at _____ feet.
Artesian _____ gallons per hour.
Baling _____ " " "
Quality—Fresh, Brackish, Salt* _____
Standing at _____ feet when bore completed.

STAFF.

Name	Shift Hours	Days worked
Foreman	till	6
Sub foreman	till	"
Assistant	till	"
Assistant	till	"
Assistant	till	"
Assistant	till	"
Assistant	till	"
Assistant	till	"

STRATA PASSED THROUGH.

Material.	From.	To.	Thickness.	Core Obtained.
	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.
Dark sand	4022	4041	19	
Clay (white)				
Shale	4041	4052	11	
Dark sand	4052	4057	5	
Shale	4057	4071	14	
Dark sand	4071	4085	14	
Shale	4085	4085	0	
Dark sand	4085	4085	0	
Shale	4085	4085	0	
Dark sand	4085	4085	0	
Shale	4085	4085	0	
Dark sand	4085	4085	0	
Shale	4085	4085	0	
Dark sand	4085	4085	0	
Shale	4085	4085	0	

Remarks on strata that are worth recording, also explanations of any delays, repairs, loss of material, &c. :-
Slight showing of gas carrying a few globules of oil at approximately 4045.

When indicating strata passed through, drillers should record the description first and then the material, as for instance :-
"Decomposed basalt" (not basalt, decomposed).
"Yellow clay" (not clay, yellow).
"Hard fossiliferous limestone" (not limestone, hard, fossiliferous).
This, however, does not affect the description of combined materials; in such cases the usual practice will continue of showing "sandy clay" for a mixture in which sand predominates, and "clayey sand" for a mixture in which clay predominates. In other words for combined materials show first the name of the material which predominates.

Signature of Foreman _____
Checked by Director of Geological Survey _____
Checked by Engineer for Boring _____
Date received at Geology Office _____

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MT. GAMBIR NO. 1 BORE: 1st. Bore to 640 feet in fine sand.

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 1st. Bore to 1520 feet. Running 5" casing and clearing out hole. Sand and clay formation.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 1st. Bore to 1630 feet in sticky grey marl.

LAIN HOGA NO. 1 BORE: 1st. Bore to 757 feet.

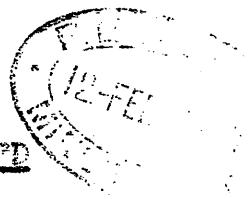
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LAKE BOCA NO. 1 BORE: Bore to 774 feet.

MT. GAMBIE NO. 1 BORE: 650 feet in drift sand. Freeing up
10" casing.

WELSON NO. 1 BORE: 1535 feet in alternate layers of sand and
clay.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 1666 feet in marl.

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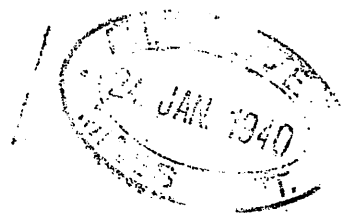
<u>MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE:</u>	25th.	Bore to 634 feet in fine sand and clay
<u>PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE:</u>	25th.	Bore to 1618 feet in hard limestone.
<u>NELSON NO. 1 BORE:</u>	25th.	Bore to 1520 feet. Still running 5 inch casing.
<u>LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE:</u>	25th.	Bore to 758 feet.

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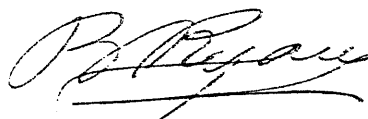
PORTLAND No. 1 BORE: 18th Bore to 1487 feet in grey sticky marl.

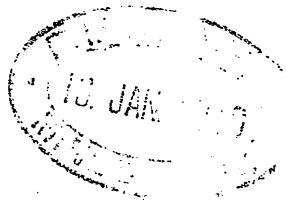
MT. GAMBIER No.1 BORE: 18th Bore to 610 feet in fine sand and clay.

LAKE BOGA. No.1 BORE: 18th Bore to 751 feet in hard sandstone.

NELSON No. 1. BORE: 18th Week spent in running 5" casing.

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LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 11th. 743 feet in hard sandstone

MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: 11th. 564 feet in coarse sand.

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 11th. 1520 feet layers of sand and clay

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 11th. 1545 feet in grey sticky marl.

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WELSH NO. 1 BORE: 14th. Bore to 1480 feet, formation layers of sand and clay.

MT. GAMBIE NO. 1 BORE: 14th. Bore to 515 feet in sandy clay formation.

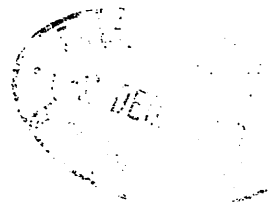
ROFTLAN NO. 1 BORE: 14th. Bore to 1243 feet in sticky grey marl.

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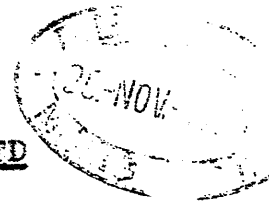
- ✓ LATE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 30th. Bore to 700 in hard sandstone
- ✓ MT. GAMBLE NO. 1 BORE: 30th. Bore to 460 feet in drift sand
- ✓ NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 30th. Bore to 1377 feet in fine layers sand and clay.
- ✓ PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 30th. Bore to 1035 feet in sticky grey marl.

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MT. GAMBIE NO. 1 BORE: 23rd. Bore to 450 feet in fine sand.

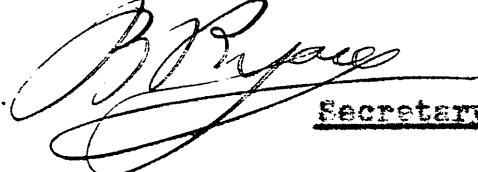
Most of week spent in running casing.

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 23rd. Bore to 1360 feet in fine sand and clay formation.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 23rd. Bore to 943 feet in marl formation

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 23rd. Bore to 692 feet.

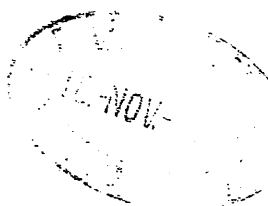
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MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: 17th. 440 feet in fine sand.

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 17th. Bore to 1360 feet in fine sand
and layers of clay.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 17th. Bore to 940 feet in marl.

LAKE BOGA NO. 4 BORE: 17th. Recommended drilling on

Monday 13th.

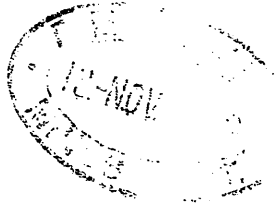
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MR. GAMMIE NO. 1 BORE: 10th. 395 feet in fine sand.

WELSON NO. 1 BORE: 10th. Bore to 1340 feet in fine sand.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 10th. Bore to 700 feet in limestone.

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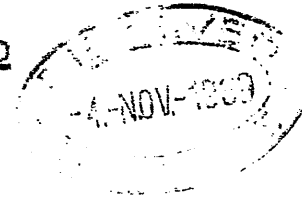
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MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: 3rd. Bore to 375 feet in sandy clay.

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 3rd. Bore to 1320 feet. Replacing faulty engine this week.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 3rd. Bore to 665 feet in limestone.

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: Work suspended pending arrival of new driller.

Yours faithfully,
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WELDON No. 1 BORE: 26th Bore to 1320 feet in sandy clay.

PORTLAND No. 1 BORE: 26th Work spent running 8 inch casing.

ST. GABRIEL No. 1 BORE: 26th Bore to 130 feet in brown sandy clay.

LAKE BOGA No. 1 BORE: 26th Work delayed pending arrival of new driller.

Yours faithfully,
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Paul A. Miller

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MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: 12th. To 265 feet in hard
quartzite boulders

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 12th. Bore to 1208 feet in fine sand

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 12th. Week spent recovering lost tools.
Tools now recovered and drilling recommenced.

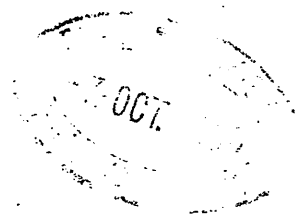
LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 12th Work temporarily suspended
owing illness drill foreman.

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GENERAL DRILLING REPORT.

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W. GARDNER No. 1 BORE: 5th. Bore to 200 feet in limestone boulders and sand.

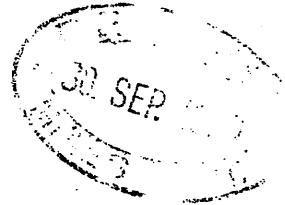
W. GARDNER No. 2 BORE: 5th. No work this week owing to ill health of drilling staff. Work resumed in few days.

W. GARDNER No. 3 BORE: 5th. Bore to 125 feet in sand. adjusting casing this week.

W. GARDNER No. 4 BORE: 5th. Bore to 300 feet in limestone. Now running 10 inch casing.

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NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 28th. Bore to 1187 feet in gravel and sand.

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 28th. Bore to 687 feet in hard sandstone material.

MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: 28th. Bore to 264 feet in black sand and gravel.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 28th. Bore to 592 feet in limestone and grey marl.

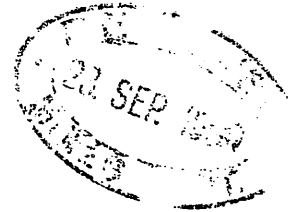
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NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 22nd. Bore to 1164 feet in sandy clay

MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: 22nd. Bore to 262 feet in black sand.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 22nd. drill now in limestone at 463 feet

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 22nd. Bore to 682 feet in hard sandstone.

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+ NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 14th. Bore to ~~3008~~ 1168 feet in fine sand. (In conjunction with Producers' Oilwell Supplies Ltd.)

Running 6" casing.

✓ PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 14th. Bore to 242 feet in limestone and marl formation.

✓ MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: 14th. To 260 feet in brown clay.

✓ LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 14th. Bore to 675 feet in hard sandstone.

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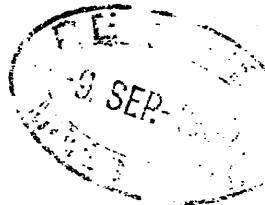
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WILSON NO. 1 BORE: 7th. From 1072 to 1078 fine sand
and gravel. Now running casing.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 7th. Drilling recommenced today. 270
to 285 feet in limestone. Now in marl.

MR. GAMBIER No. 1 BORE: 7th. 120 to 210 feet limestone.
Now in marl.

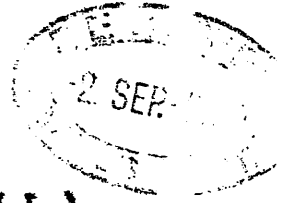
LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 7th. To 662 feet in hard sandstone.

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NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 31st. From 1004 to 1072 feet in sand clay. Struck sand at 1072 feet.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 31st. Plant still under water, contractors hope recommence drilling on Monday.

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 31st. to 658 feet in hard sandstone

MR. GAMBLER NO. 1 BORE: 31st. Boring started. Bore to 120 feet in limestone.

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LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: to 644 ft. in hard sandstone.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: Work suspended owing to machinery under water caused by heavy rains.

HELSOM NO. 1 BORE: Delayed owing bad weather, heavy rains.
Bore to 1004 ft. in sandy clay.

MT. GAMBIEF NO. 1 BORE: Drilling commenced this week.

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PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: to 270 feet. Work delayed owing
difficulties tools. Hope adjust by week end.

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 975 feet to 986 feet in puggy clay. Sinking
shaft to accommodate casing.

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 631 to 635 feet in sandstone.

MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: Plant on site and now being erected

HOWLONG NO. 1 BORE: Expect delivery plant on site next week.

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PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 10th. 275 feet in Limestone.

NEESON NO. 1 BORE: 10th. 975 feet, sandy clay. Waiting arrival of 6" casing.

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 10th. 631 feet in white clays.

MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: 10th. Machinery taken to site, expect start drilling within week.

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WILSON NO. 1 BORE: 3rd. 971 to 970 feet in coarse sand with bands of cemented sand.

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 3rd. 596 feet. Difficulty experienced during week with swelling clay in the bore, formation now under control.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 3rd. 165 feet. Basalt boulders and clay.

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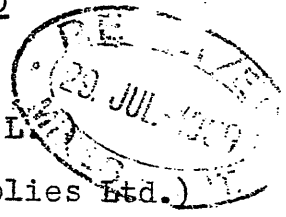
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WEEKLY BORING REPORT



(IN conjunction with Western Petroleum N. L.

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LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 27th. 500 to 512 feet black marl,
513 to 517 feet fine sand drift, 518 to 549 dark brown marl,
550 to 560 coarse drift, 561 to 600 feet, white clay.

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 27th. 903 to 921 feet coarse sand,
922 to 925 feet cemented sand, 925 to 928 feet coarse sand.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: to 2 feet, surface soil, 2 to 10 feet
yellow clay, 13 to 45 feet basalt, 46 to 90 feet hard basalt

MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: Contract signed for drilling well
machinery moving in a few days.

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Paul Jackson

Secretary.

(1) in Moore Entered 31.7.29
(2) in Crabb



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PRESS REPORT
31/7/32

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 20th. Bore to 903 feet in coarse sand,
cased to same depth.

925 ft
27 1/2 ft

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 20th. No progress owing non-arrival
casing. Delivered at site yesterday. Drilling recommenced.

600 ft
25 1/2 ft

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: 20th. Drilling commenced. Bore to
45 feet in basalt. Casing being run.

90 ft
25 1/2 ft

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Basil Jackson

Secretary.

*(return on paper from
required for Lake Boga
others on prior bond))*

Mr Moore

Mr Croell

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DRILLING REPORTS

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NELSON NO. 1 BORE: 14th. Running 5" casing to shut off water.

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: 14th. Boring 446 to 482 feet in black and brown marl, 482 to 503 feet in soft sandstone.

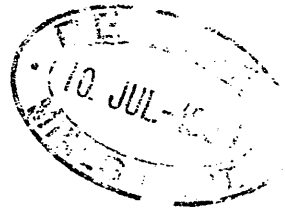
PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: Slight delay commencing, now expect start drilling Monday morning.

MT. GAMBIER NO. 1 BORE: Finalizing drilling contract. Hope have same completed next week.

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Secretary.

In Crull



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WEEKLY DRILLING REPORT

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PPL 102

NELSON NO. 1 BORE: Nelson, 6th. Bore to 662 feet in fine and coarse sand. Well now being cased.

PORTLAND NO. 1 BORE: Portland, 6th. All plant and machinery erected. Slight delay in commencing. Drilling should start next week.

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PPL 107

LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: Lake Boga, 6th. Bore to 402 feet formation black pug and sandstone bars.

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Paul A. Brown

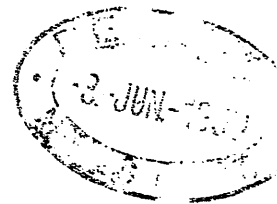
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In care

*Entered
Avo
11.7.39
PPL 102*

Mr. Ball, Have telephoned & written to Company re correct reports Avo 11.7.39

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MINING REPORTS

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DRILLING REPORT

(In conjunction with Western Petroleum N.L.) WILSON NO. 1 BORE:
To 103 feet limestone. To 270 feet limestone with
bands of flint.

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LAKE BOGA NO. 1 BORE: To 150 feet brown and yellow sandstone
" 177 feet sandstone.
" 195 feet black shale
" 200 feet yellow sandstone
" 204 feet black shale and sandstone
pebbles - black froth showing
gas bubbles.

Mr Corall

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul H. ...".

Secretary.

2.2 Core Descriptions

Lithology.

LITH 1

FORAMS

6/20/29 1.

108 (F) white v. por. bryoz. lot

112 Gr shi fl chest

132 Gr bryozoid markedly lot quite hard

152 mod porous gr fl bryoz. shi glauc. markedly lot

172 fr granular shi calcite bryoz. lot + gr fl chesty lot.

192 gr mod porous bryozoid fr lot, shi calcite

198 fl chesty lot.

220 fr granular shi porous lot shi bryoz.

236 chest

253 chesty lot + fr shi bryoz. lot. (CIF 220)

293 (F) glauc. fr ^{shi} bryoz. lot.

310 glauc. porous bryoz. lot trace 'redrite' + glauc.

Pt Campbell E

320 KIA less porous with many calcite shreds.

388 shi fl glauc. shi chest - chesty lot

388 white 'rough' mod dense bryoz. lot

390 KIA with yellow patches, clumpy lot, on yellow fossil mat ^{shi calcite}

? Vague clifton variant

410 (F) lt gr shi calcite mod porous bryoz. lot / markedly lot (poor coll)

432 mod porous yellowish bryoz. lot, on yellow bryozoid of 390

? Vague clifton variant

453 (F) fr off white porous bryoz. lot.

474 part shi (calcite) lot with bryoz. mod porous

494 (F) off white v. bryoz. fl lot

517 v. por. white mod dense lot traces orange pink 'dots' dirty v. porous bryoz. lot

534 glauc. v. porous bryoz. lot clumpy, thin dirty markedly bryoz. lot.

536 porous pink calcite shi shi

557 lt pink calcite KIA

578 v. porous off white bryozoid lot prob quite calcite on gast + yellow bryozoid

v. well cemented.

582 porous pink calcite (CIF 557)

587 buff bryozoid calcite with a lot cement

597 (F) calcite mod porous bryozoid lot

607 bryoz. lot occasionally with pinkish infilling; calcite

625 CIF 587 inner in lot content

635 KIA

646 hard dense bryoz. lot change in bryozoid type wide bumps flat surfaces



666 KIA with calcite + v. porous bryoz. patches, glauc. colour

? ? Narravatu

686 dense off white bryoz. lot - long branching bryozoid

700 (F) CIF 666 + 646.

Check closely 1. tests

Blindly 1.

816 dense calc med-gran mat. str to col, red, s red, atypical
Sample no orange pink - no fossils seen.

Right map v. str
?? Left Var

902 Calc v. fine-granular mat - str red to-bol. col, (pale) all stained, cement
to 0.5mm
is lime & calcite, see calcite rhombs, glauco, limonite
much lighter color than 816, more in fossil white str

Map Var

923 R7A some fine grained str

Map Var.

947 fine grained yel/bwn 'clayey' fine semi calcarenite with the grains being
dolite/calcite 15%. coarse-verse str - bwn with semi sparri

Narrow Map Var.

Comparison with Corl 180m Warrani 21-75-3.

^{whgr} 736 flatter bryozoid, sti fragmente dense v. bed lit mainly lit.

^{whgr} 748 med bryozoid v. bed lit

758 4" bryoz + foram small bryoz similar to Warrani 21-75-3 Corl 180m.

* Wash for foram

770 4" wh gr fl lit. prob with orange apices minor bryoz + foram

^{whgr} 779 more bed bryozoid lit. some similarity to Warrani 21-75-3 Corl 180m. * ?

807 sti fl chalky lit.

666 White (pore, pore like) bryozoid lit v porous and parts.

689 sti denser whgr bryoz lit R7A. see foram

700 gr wh lit - pore like + flat bryoz.

730 blocky + pore like - mostly bryoz gr. like bryoz lit, see foram

635 bryozoid dolomite - bryoz - thin branching some resemblance to Warrani at 180m *

635 R7A *

607 white pink bryoz dolite lit. see foram, v fl, pink-calcite ?

?

599 dolite wh-gr bryoz lit.

587 off 635

582 pink dolomite, replaced bryoz

?

587 red, v porous calcite bryozoid lit. (orange)

557 pink dolite lit

537 porous pink dolomite off 582

bleedily!

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534. cemented bryozoa - lat. blue gr + white lichen

bryozoa papillate + flat-porous, bryozoa porous

517 similar - RFA white lat with sea urch. spines

494 lichen lat. bryozoa + foraminifera, sea urchin spines,

474 lichen bryoz, middle lat, traces of orange yellow lichenite.

465 Gr bryozoa mat, some scale like bryozoa, sea forams - bryozoa has some resemblance to Warrani at 180 m

432 Clean yellow lat, bryozoa + forams lat.

410 Gr lat bryozoa detritus calcarenite

390 off 432

368 gr-white ff - bryoz, forams lat.

348 Chest ff. (all Warrani 21m, 48m 177m 189m 198m)

328 ^{lat} white bryoz lat., white or lichen

310 RFA

293 blue RFA

253 softest ^{lat} bryozoa lat. gr-white, + gr ~~ff~~ chest (all note at 348)

230 med ff gr chest RFA. (all note at 348)

220 soft. lat ff white-gr lat.

199 ff gr chest. (all note at 348)

192 lat bryozoa, soft gr white lat.

172 RFA with gr chest

152 blue bryoz fine lat. off Warrani corl 96m

132 ^{lat} gr bryozoa lat

112 Gr ff chest. (all note 348)

108 soft white lat bryoz lat.

6 levels! Cont.

- 720 Med hard white hygroal bit flat + banding hygroal A7A
- 720 gr shi speckled ff bit. hygroal A7A
- 721 Vhard bit gr dense, hygroal ff bit.
- 746 A7A less dense, mineral denser pyrite, ore calcite. Stals
- 756 gr porous/ferrous marl with silty hygroal casts.
- 770 Med hard vlt gr ff hygro bit with edmond specks - casts.
- 779(F) Dense fr hygro bit, darker pyrite patches. ore pyrite ? PCL or
- 790 Gen² A7A. no pyrite Nannawabank
- 807(F) fr hygro bit with calcite Stals
- 811 hygro ff bit with trace glauconite
- 812 Calcite Stals with Dolomite matrix
- 817-837 Qtz - med to v. med + gran, col (pale) ore stained brown, rd low spher 815
 vlt shi dolo cemented mat. Pop Clifton Var / Mepunga Var
- 837-857 A7A. 10% frosted, col Qtz frq stained, nod of limonite ? Mep Var.
- 857-874 A7A med - gran,
- 877 con A7A calcite cemented
- 874-885 dirty sample A7A
- 885-902 A7A
- 902 con for 877
- 903-922 A7A
- 923(F) cemented frosted Qtz with 15% vlt Qtz med - v. med. fine 80% col + stained Qtz Mep Variant or Delwyn Variant
- 925(F) fr - v. med Qtz mainly Gt. Mep. Variant
- 941 cemented stal dolomite with lim. glauc nod + ore Mepunga Qtz grains Nannawabank sp. Variant
- 953 green brown chromite sold or present, up to 30% chromite or glauc Mep or Delwyn Variant
- 963(F) bit or fr set with ore mepunga Qtz + soft w. glauc / chromite / limonite nod
 trace of muscovite
- 976 Sandy limonite chlorite marl, mepunga Qtz grains v. med. cc Portland ? Mep Variant
 v. med clear Qtz

- 989 Qtz v. chromite brown hard mud Delwyn or Mepunga Variant
- 992 con Delwyn present / slab shi mica sandy.

Clifton NO lithol evidence for it The cemented pink calcite at 538' is most unusual. but doubt if this is a Clifton Variant
 Top name may be at 685' or possibly 746' Check F.O.'s

July →

Classy 1 Del Top check re Tephrosia Embry, 1896

1079 for mass lt br/gr or wh slit, laminated or carb part
Normally regard as Del

1089 gr wh mass carb slit or vpr slit. thin bedded on carb lam A/A

1099 lt br A/A. with med dk br mat bands, ? blks (wh mass)
on carb lam, bands (vpr) all clear. gen^{ly} A/A

1109 bedded muddy br slit to vpr mass slit. - big cleav^g for slit
'Tubs' to 0.7mm. vpr bands all clear regard as Del.

1119 muddy vpr slit/slot. less bedded than above. [Pos tot. alt/band] A/A

1129. muddy slit + vpr slit. ppr bedded A/A.

1139 gen^{ly} A/A but muddy A/A

1145 bedded mass muddy vpr slit/slot. Del type A/A

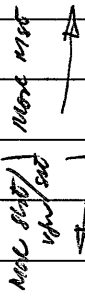
1155 wh dark off wh slit/vpr slit, dk carb, no mat^{er}

at^h (frosted) pebbles to 7-10 mm pos thin bedded Del type

1179 prob distorted by drilling, gen^{ly} slit/vpr off wh slit, A/A. no pbs A/A.

all distorted dk br mat bands to 2mm

1199 A/A. Thin mass off wh slit vpr slit or mat into. Del type



The bedded ^{mass} muddy slit/vpr slit sequence finishes at 1145 & is underlain by a predominantly off-white mass slit/vpr slit, thin bedded with 2mm thick mat interbeds. Occasional frosted white str pbs well rounded.

I regard both as belonging to the Del type

Clearly 1.

Oct 1 '75

- 2732 Approx Top P/M + Variants P/M Var
- 3080 Post base of ? 1st P/M unit P/M Var
- Core 3236 shi mica pale orange sst - str fr - verse, mainly sst - rd. } Del Var ???
translucent, with mainly even sst. (No glauc).
- 3586 Core brn shi mica shi (Lophanot) unit with carb frags P/M
- 3655 ^{low} P/M - lam brn clayey shi carb mat P/M
- 3690 gr med hd pyrite / ^{PPF spherules also} sst mat with few calcite intergrowths (in drusy cavities) } ??
str smooth shi mica clear - opaque str - verse. }
Post base PPF? str mat PPF like not homogeneous
- 3712 gr hd sst shi sandy sst. } Paratite or ? Del Var
- 3718 bituminated hd sandy med sst hd wh + gr like } Paratite or ? Del Var
- 3723 lam lenticular gr / white fr sst } ?? Paratite like
- 3740 shale / med black shi carb in white lam sst " "
- 3790 Cemented thin sst - str med sang - sst Cordis type
- 3803 A7A or sst. " "
- 3850 Lenses like brn shi mica carb sst.
- 3875 P/M med - verse sst or med lam (brn) Cordis type
- 3885 lam brn shi carb mat fr sst (white) lenses off 3850
- 3955 Med - low opaque str, arg - rd Paratite
- 4025 brn shi carb mat, minor fr sst patches off 3850 3885
- 4085 fr - med str sub arg - trans / opaque post lam or mat Paratite / var Cordis
- 4180-4202 biteds - str, contams, med - gran, ^{some sst} 20% cl, sang - rd, trace of chert.
trace of hd brn med shale, trace glauc, [some PPF like str]
- 4200 med - pebble opaque / str ^{trans.} arg - rd few carb frag shi sst Cordis
- 4260 med - pebble str - 20% cl + stained trace PPF / type glauc.
highly contams
- 4291 A7A trace blk lenticular (prob lam nodes) shi PPF mat
- 4302 lam brn shi mica & fr white sst. Paratite Var
- 4388 gr - brn shi carb & mica mat
- 4506 white opaque / trans str - fr, mica, shi carb all st. Paratite Var
- 4681 fr - med str - cl pale orange, carb frags, pyrite cemented shi } ? Newhaman
mainly chrys, some ferrug sandy / sandy sand / sst whole.
- 4743 fr sst shi, with some ferrug fr sst / ^{unit} lenses (lenticular) Paratite Var
- 4748 A7A gr brn sst lenses; carb "
- 4792 lam white & gr blk sst & fr sst, carb w ore use - verse str grain Paratite
- 4858 str - fr - gran & pyrite - sst, ^{10%} cl pale orange - yll. mainly sst
- 4809 fr - low opaque - trans white str. minor pyrite carb frags Post Newhaman var
Paratite.

to 1915 basically Parrotts or for at least for type

6985 clay muddy etc a Parrotts type etc. - maybe

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Deflandt & Cookson 1953

Aust. J. Mar. Freshw. Res. Vol 6 242-313

Stovell - Sp. Pub. Geol. Soc. Aust. 4. 1973 Page 167-188

Maurit. - Senomaniensis
T-Lillei Zone
See Douglas 1980

Deflandtia pedunculata - Nelson Box - 1181.5 m (3874')

Haptichosphaeridium tetraganthum
Mud. Paleocene - Lower L. Baloni Zone.
3874'

Haptichosphaera cingulata Nelson Box 992'

Haptichosphaeridium complex (white) Nelson Box 5782' 6192'
5782'

Haptichosphaeridium heteranthum
Ondontochitina gibropoda Nelson Box 5782' U. Creta.
Pachy Eocene Zone

Eprephalopsis indentata Nelson Box 3874', 992'
Haptichosphaera ramosa 992'

Trionites Edwardsii - 3723', 3874', 4025' Part L. Baloni Zone. to U. Creta.

Microrosporites australensis Cookson 5782, 6085' Part U. Creta.
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See also Cookson & Peko '54 Aust. J. Botany 2 197-219.

Nelson box 992' Myrtaecoidites parvus forma anelus

992 Proteandites pachypodus

992 Santalumites canozouus

Eocene

992 Lupanoidites orthotrichus

992 Trionites harrisi

3723, 3874, 4025. Trionites Edwardsii Upper Creta - Paleocene.

Group 1.

Nelson lot

Group 2.

158 lot.

cont to 534.

536 - 582

Panda lot.

587

Marky lot

646

lot

736 - 812

Marky lot / lot.

816 - 923

Clifton / McPherson verse ferrug calc sand - gnt

939

? Delwyn

hemycrystalline set. ore ferrug stained grains

947

953

976

989

? Volcs.

(Delwyn)

Chlorite, limonitic nodular, ferrug ore Qtz grains
Weath quartz? fuff with soft greenish nodules, ore Qtz grain
? fuff limonite nodules, ferrug ore Qtz grains
? heavy limonite sandstone with ferrug + frosted fr - gnt sized Qtz grains
Delwyn
brown silty sand.
New Calc.

-3154

Delwyn mainly thin lam shale / set.

3206

3236

3274

3274

some Qtz gnt - pebbles
fine - ore well cemented ferrug / lam sandstone
churned bedded. silty part.
V fine white set (Paranalle like)

3566 - 3647

Pember like mat / shale.

3650 pure white fossils - unknown

3647 - 3655

not Pember. shale

ferrug

3690 - 3718

PPF

Urbid - no, pyrite mat or ore - verse, Qtz grains to mat set.
sh. churned set / mat set.

3723

same mat / set black + white.

3850

ferrug shale with various fine white set lams. Paranalle like

sh. ferrug. mat. - Pember like

3795

pebbly set. + lam brown shale / white fr set. (Aindoo like)

3874

sh. pebbly ore fr - ore set. cemented.

3887

mat like 3850.

3900

pebbly fr - ore set.

4025

mat like 3850, 3887

4085

fine sand + shale.

4220

ore set. like 3874, 3900 also some brown blocks mat or fine

4259

round lams
ore set or smoky Qtz pebbles

4150 - 4202

Ditch lams. ore unconsolid set. w ferrug stain grains } pebble M
like

4260 - 4277

ATA sh pebbles.

4291 - 4299

ATA

4302

thin brown mat or fine white set lams

4366

brown mat

4386

fine white set. definite Paranalle.

4604

4687

yellowish well cemented fr - med set. sh. ? helentia ?? Nalla-wane
hard fine white set or brown unsteady set wavy, lams.

4743

ore nodular, pyrite set, rare glauc (not enough glauc) ?? Nalla.

4808

Ulam ore Qtz set

4811

Mat set.

4868

fine white set or lam black shale / set

4920

Ditch lams set -

5010

- 5112 fm white silt w/ med, silt, clay, sand & brown mica, dark brown
 5191 RFA. typical claystone, laminar
 5202 white clay fm. med silt. on strong med. clay, silt, mica, brown - other forest & brown shales
- 5391 - 5427 Selen tower v. low gr. grain. some passing, some
 5458 fine, thin silt. silt - muddy
 5536 Thin, mica, fine siltic silt. & brown? calc. med, brown
 5597 fine white silt. some calc. thin
 5782 blocky ~~clay~~ cherted, silt - v. fine silt. black & grey mottling, typical
 cherted Paavalle. Siltic fine silt, silt. v. hd. w. med, soft grey. med.
- 5835 hd siltic / fine gr. silt.
 5861 RFA or cherted Paavalle.
 5915 forest. some siltic or pale clay. soft med.
- 6085 ? cherted Paavalle, wavy, muddy fine silt. silt. plg. lamination &
 v. hd, siltic brownish silt. with soft pale gr. med. see 5982 5915.
- 6192 med silt & v. hd fine silt
- 6233 cherted Paavalle typical fm. med, silt. some thin fm. silt
 + med clay med, silt.
 sand may be quite ? glau.
 type Nulla
- 6298 wavy Paavalle silt. silt cherted & silt glau med silt. w. calc. med
 grain silt may be siltic & siltic type Nulla
- 6337 cemented silt fm silt or med glau pellet.
- 6408 hd grey med w. black flecks; silt wavy not typical silt type
- 6418 hd glau med med, silt, silt, silt. - lt br. med. med.
- 6489 Typical clark Paavalle type v. fine. thin, wavy, cherting
- 6520 varicolored fm - verse unconform. sand. or gr. shale chips
- 6570 shale chips or sand
- 6577 med silt fine sand or calc. frag Paavalle like fine
 cherting
- 6615 Selen - ore - verse sand (blocky silt) or med. shale (muddy silt)
 6650 " - Selen, med. or shale (shale & sand)
 6670 " - sand (or fine) or shale
 6680 ore - fine white silt w. black wavy, mica, or silt. (thin?)
 Paavalle.
- 6752 ore - fine grey glau silt & black silt some cherting
 6899 ore - hd, fm. med, white sand w. black ~~med~~ silt (med)
- 7082 Selen - med - verse sand w. mica lt. med gr. shale (med, silt)
 silt grain fine. blocky but can be stained (med, silt)
- 7175 - Selen - med - verse silt (blocky / blocky) med clay shale
 7250 - Selen - sand, fm. med - med. muddy silt, or glau or silt.

TO 7305

Nelson. Base.

at 4045' drilling foreman reported a "slight showing of gas carrying a few globules of oil."

Log Value Oil Wells Pelican Point 2000 - 2311'

on Boutakoff N. 1963. Memoir No 22 Sed Service

T.D. 7305 ft.

Completed 1965

0 - 812 feet

Limestone, dolomite + marl

812 - 992 feet

Glaucous + ferruginous sandstone + grit

992' - 7305 feet

Lignitic sandstones, grits + siltstones.

Original Driller log for Week Ending 4/9/42

Consolidated Report No 39.

" Slight showing of gas carrying a few globules of oil at approximately 4045 feet"

2.3 Lithological Logs

GEE LONG FLOW. I

Surface level ca 100'

PUEOLA 62
8014
LITH 1

Rock units	Samples	Depth struck	Driller's log	Depth struck	Thick-ness	Lithologic log	
Q1	S	0	soil	0	33'	pale reddish brown, mottled light	
	S	1'	red clays.		10.06	gray clayey coarse sand and sandy clay	
F o r m a t i o n	S	15'	red sandy clay				
	S	33'	white sandy clay	33'	37'	dark yellowish orange and gray.	
	S	43'	yellow clay (sandy)		17.27	orange, mottled very light gray and yellowish gray, sandy silty clay, less commonly sandy clay.	
	S	47'	yellow clay			silt; sparsely fossiliferous (rare foraminifera)	
	S	70'	gray silty clay with bands of limestone	70'	20'	yellowish gray calcareous silty clay and silty marl with interbeds of fine-grained limestone, fossiliferous (pelecypods, bryozoa, foraminifera)	
	S	90'	dark silty clay	90'	150'	pale yellowish brown silty marl with interbeds of fine-grained limestone; richly fossiliferous (bryozoans, pelecypods, gastropods, echinoids, foraminifera)	
	S	120'	marl	27.43	45.72		
	S	150'	marl with bands of limestone				
	P u e b l a	S	306'	marl	240'	160'	pale yellowish brown silty marl and calcareous silty clay, with limestone interbeds; pyrite common, glauconite rare; richly fossiliferous (bryozoans, pelecypods, gastropods, echinoids, foraminifera)
		S	325'	layers of stone and marl	73.74	48.77	
S		385'	sticky marl				
S		405'	marl	400'	200'	as above, but without limestone interbeds	
S		525'	very sticky marl	72.91	60.95		
S		535'	marl				
				600'	10'	brownish gray calcareous silty clay; pyrite abundant; fossiliferous (gastropods, foraminifera)	
				782.87	3.05		
				610'	160'	yellowish brown and brownish gray calcareous silty clay and	
				785.92	48.77		

Anyl M

		J a n J u c Formation		770'	90'	light olive gray silty marl; glauconite, pyrite and limonite present; richly fossiliferous (pelecypods, gastropods, bryozoans, echinoids, foraminifera)
				234.68	27.43	
		2		262.77	2.733	brownish gray silt and silty clay, fine to coarse sand and granule gravel; less commonly light olive gray silty sandy marl; glauconite, pyrite and limonite present; marl richly fossiliferous, silt and sand less so (gastropods most common)
				860'	7'	
		D e m o n ' s Bluff Formation		860'	860'	basalt (?)
				867'	293'	
		S		264.25	89.30	brownish gray to brownish black (generally becoming darker downwards) carbonaceous clayey silt and very fine sand, less commonly carbonaceous silty clay; pyrite abundant; locally with burrows and sparsely fossiliferous (gastropods most common)
				1130'		
		E a s t e r n View Formation		1160'	60'	light gray, locally light brownish gray and brownish gray silty somewhat sandy clay, kaolinitic and somewhat pyritic
				353.55	18.28	
		S		1220'	830'	light gray, less commonly medium gray to medium dark gray mudstone, siltstone and fine sandstone; locally coal laminae, plant remains and pyrite
				577.84	252.97	
		G r o u p		1260'		
				1290'		
		S		1535'		
				1800'		
		S		1810'		
				1830'		
		S		1910'		
				1940'		
		O t w a y		2050'	2050'	
				(Total depth)		
				624.81		

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NO. 1. BORE.

Lithological Log.

(Copied from Original Driller Log by G.J. Coulson.)

0'	-	1'	Soil
1'	-	15'	Red Clays
15'	-	33'	Red Sandy Clay
33'	-	43'	White Sandy Clay (Water)
43'	-	47'	Yellow Clay (Sandy)
47'	-	70'	Yellow Clay
70'	-	90'	Grey silty Clay with Bands of limestone
90'	-	120'	Dark silty clay
120'	-	150'	Marl.
150'	-	306'	Marl with bands of limestone (Water)
306'	-	325'	Marl
325'	-	385'	Layers of Stone and Marl
385'	-	405'	Sticky marl.
405'	-	525'	Marl
525'	-	535'	Very sticky marl
535'	-	860'	Marl
860'	-	867'	Igneous rock
867'	-	1130'	Ligneous sand
1130'	-	1220'	Ligneous clay *
1220'	-	1260'	Blue clay
1260'	-	1290'	Ligneous clay *
1290'	-	1535'	Hard Mudstone
1535'	-	1800'	Blue slate *
(1800'	-	1810')	No sample, sludge with gas and grey earth*
1800'	-	1810'	Grey Sandstone
1810'	-	1830'	Iron Pyrites *
1830'	-	1910'	Blue clay
1910'	-	1940'	Blue slab
1940'	-	2050'	Blue clay *

* The following notes were made by Dr. D.E. Thomas.

On 16:8:1948	1200'	-	1210'	-	1220'	-	Bedrock, probably Jurassic.
On 20:9:1948	1260'	-	1290'	The samples are mudstone and Sandstones belong to the Jurassic			
1:6:1949	1590'	-	1600'	Black Carbonaceous mudstone containing fossil plants of Jurassic age.			
29:9:1949	1810'	-	1830'	Jurassic sandstone and mudstone			
22:11:1949	1900'	-	1910'	Contains some bituminous coals. Thickness cannot be determined for Samples by percussion drilling.			
23:1:1950				At. 2030' some fragments of coal.			

Original Driller log has recorded for the interval 1800' - 1810'. No Sample - The Sludge now being brought up by the "bailer" from the bottom of the bore, is of high temperature and contains gas which ignites when a lighted match is applied to the top of the "bailer".

Earth washes off drill when being drawn to the surface of the bore. The samples last obtained have been a grey earth. At 1800' the strata has hardened considerably and is a hard sandstone.

3.0 Palynology/Paleontology

3.1 Mesozoic Stratigraphic Palynology

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ODNL Mount Salt No. 1

The distribution of selected species and form genera in Mount Salt No. 1 were listed by Evans (in Oil Development N.L., 1963), who attempted to indicate on the basis of these fossils the probable correlates of the well section to be found in the eastern portion of the Otway Basin. Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology & Geophysics (1965b) used these correlations to interpret the well in terms of formations occurring in the eastern Otway Basin.

EMR NO. (MFP)	CORE/CUTTINGS	DEPTH (Feet)	PALYN. UNIT
2191	Core 8	2913	<u>T</u>
2193	" 11	3682	
2914	" 13	4219	X.a = <i>Xemkeon</i> <i>cust</i>
2119	" 14	4538	---
2120	" 18	5039	
2114	" 19	5194	N.a
2112	" 20	5490	---
2113	" 21	5790	
2106	" 23	6404	D.a
2107	" 24	6672	
2103	" 25	6985	
2104	" 26	7473	
2115	" 28	7940	?
2116	" 29	8429	
2117	" 30	8919	
2195	" 31	9424	?
2196	" 33	9849	---
2197	" 34	10037	K2

The Nelson Bore (= Glenelg No. 1)

Drilled by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments long before subsidized operations commenced in the Otway Basin (Department of Mines, Victoria, 1941-46), the Nelson Bore was studied by Baker (1961), Baker & Cookson (1955), Cookson (1956), Crespin (1954), and Douglas (1962). The writer has also examined selected samples, and uses the results in the present report.

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BMR SAMPLE NO. (MFP)	CORE/CUTTINGS	DEPTH (Feet)	PALYN. UNIT
	I.C.	Core	
1831	"	3874	<u>D. pellucida</u>
1832	"	4205	
1833	"	4300	?
1834	"	4500	
1835	"	4867	
498	"	4920	1477m X.a
	"	5112	= <u>Xemkoen australis</u>
	I.C., J.D.	5304	
500	"	5708	
	J.D.	5782	1736
501	"	6000	1801 N.a
502	"	6129	= <u>Nelsonella aceras</u>
503	I.C.	6233-6236	
504	"	6418	
505	"	6575	1974 D.c
	J.D.	6672-6681	2083 = <u>Isabelidium cretaceum</u>
506	"	6751-6754	
507	"	6843-6844	
508	Cuttings	7062-7071	2123 ?
509	"	7296	

I.C. = examined by Dr. Isabel Cookson.
 J.D. = examined by Mr. J.G. Douglas.

ODNL Penola No. 1

Penola No. 1 was initially examined by Evans (1961b), whose results were later published in Hare & Associates (1963). The well formed in part the basis of Dettmann's study (1963) of Cretaceous microfloras in the south-eastern Australian region.

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BMR SAMPLE NO. (MFP)	CORE/CUTTINGS	DEPTH (Feet)	PALYN. UNIT
<u>ODNL Penola No. 1</u>			
1253	Core 1	1200-1210	
1254	" 2	1410-1418	
1255	" 3	1610-1620	
1256	" 4	1805-1815	
1257	" 5	2010-2020	K2b
1258)	" 6	2200-2210	
1316)			
1259	" 7	2380-2390	
1260	" 8	2586-2596	
1261	" 9	2790-2798	<u>K2a</u>

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SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY		
Depth	220'	Rock Type		—	Signature	Date
Material	CORE			Inspected		
Locality		Geological Information		Washed		JUNE '78
Formation		Collected by		Polished		
				Sectioned		
				Slides		

General Description of Fauna
 1 spec *G. detritans* (broken last ch)
G. woodi

Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other.
Abundant						
Common						
Rare						
Preservation						
Lithology						
Age 6						
Determined by:				Date		

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SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1?		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY		
Depth	108'	Rock Type		—	Signature	Date
Material	CORE			Inspected		
Locality		Geological Information		Washed	JUNE '78	
Formation		Collected by		Polished		
				Sectioned		
				Slides		

General Description of Fauna
 rather sparse fauna
G. woodi connecta

G. stansoni (rewashed? contn?)

Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other.
Abundant						
Common						
Rare						
Preservation						
Lithology						
Age 6						
Determined by:				Date		

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SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG I		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY		
Depth	293'	Rock Type		—	Signature	Date
Material	CORE			Inspected		
Locality		Geological Information		Washed		JUNE '78
Formation		Collected by		Polished		
				Sectioned		
				Slides		

General Description of Fauna	rather sparse fauna	Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other.
	mostly small planktonics	Abundant						
	G. rugosa	Common						
		Rare						
Preservation								
Lithology								
Age 5(-6)								
Determined by:						Date		

A. coilama (cont.)

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SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG I		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY		
Depth	410'	Rock Type		—	Signature	Date
Material	CORE			Inspected		
Locality		Geological Information	highest V. concidea (=plect.) acc. description (1954) in 368-390' dip	Washed		JUNE '78
Formation		Collected by		Polished		
				Sectioned		
				Slides		

General Description of Fauna	rather sparse fauna	Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other.
	mostly small planktonics	Abundant						
	G. unapertura	Common						
		Rare						
Preservation								
Lithology								
Age 5								
Determined by:						Date		

G. stansburyi

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807'	Rock Type	Signature	Date
Material	Geological Information	Inspected	May '75
Locality		Washed W	
Formation	Collected by	Polished	
		Sectioned	IK; CA; Jank
		Slides	G C

General Description of Fauna

Chiloguembelina cubensis
 low & poorly developed *S. angiporoides*

B. cubensis

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Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other
Abundant						
Common						
Rare						
Preservation						
Lithology						
Age (3-) 4 ✓ see 779'						
Determined by:						Date

SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1	
Depth	779'	Rock Type	
Material	CORE	Geological Information	
Locality			
Formation		Collected by	

Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY		
Signature	Date	
Inspected		
Washed		JUNE '7
Polished		
Sectioned		
Slides		

General Description of Fauna

spark fauna

S. angiporoides

C. cubensis (abdt)
G. stansii "
B. cubensis

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Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	C
Abundant						
Common						
Rare						
Preservation						
Lithology						
Age 3						
Determined by:						Date

SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1	
Depth	700'	Rock Type	
Material	CORE	Geological Information	
Locality			
Formation		Collected by	

Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY		
Signature	Date	
Inspected		
Washed		JUNE '7
Polished		
Sectioned		
Slides		

General Description of Fauna

spark fauna

C. cubensis (abdt)

Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.
Abundant					
Common					
Rare					
Preservation					

SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1		MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATOR.						
Depth	597'	Rock Type			Signature	Date				
Material	CORE			Inspected						
Locality		Geological Information		Washed		JUNE '78				
Formation		Collected by		Polished						
General Description of Fauna				Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	C
sparse fauna, small planktonic				Abundant						
G. staveni (common)				Common						
G. staveni (rare)				Rare						
				Preservation						
				Lithology						
				Age 4						
				Determined by:			Date			

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SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY						
Depth	494'	Rock Type			Signature	Date				
Material	CORE			Inspected						
Locality		Geological Information		Washed		JUNE '78				
Formation		Collected by		Polished						
General Description of Fauna				Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	
G. euapertina				Abundant						
G. staveni				Common						
G. staveni				Rare						
				Preservation						
				Lithology						
				Age 5						
				Determined by:			Date			

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SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY						
Depth	453'	Rock Type			Signature	Date				
Material	CORE			Inspected						
Locality		Geological Information		Washed		JUNE '78				
Formation		Collected by		Polished						
General Description of Fauna				Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	
G. euapertina				Abundant						
				Common						
				Rare						
				Preservation						

SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY						
Depth	923'	Rock Type			Signature	Date				
Material		Geological Information		Inspected						
Locality				Washed W			May '75			
Formation		Collected by		Polished						
				Sectioned		CA (plank)				
General Description of Fauna				Slides	W	C				
rich planktonics; somewhat "limestony" preservation				Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other.
S. angiporoides				Abundant						
C. cubensis				Common						
				Rare						
				Preservation						
				Lithology						
A. aoteana - contaminant				Age 3						
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SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY						
Depth	807'	Rock Type			Signature	Date				
Material		Geological Information		Inspected						
Locality					Washed W			May '75		
Formation		Collected by		Polished						
				Sectioned		IK; CA (plank)				
General Description of Fauna				Slides	G	C				
Chiloquembalina cubensis				Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other.
log 2 poorly developed S. angiporoides				Abundant						
				Common						
				Rare						
				Preservation						
				Lithology						
				Age (3-4)						
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SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY							
Depth	1221'	Rock Type		Inspected	Signature	Date					
Material				Washed	W	May '75					
Locality		Geological Information		Polished							
Formation		Collected by		Sectioned							
General Description of Fauna				Slides							
				Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other	
				Abundant							
				Common							
				Rare							
				Preservation							
				Lithology							
				Age							
				Determined by:	Date						

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SAMPLE NO.		GLENELG 1		Geological Survey of Victoria MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY						
Depth	939'	Rock Type		Inspected	Signature	Date				
Material				Washed	W	May '75				
Locality		Geological Information		Polished						
Formation		Collected by		Sectioned	IK; CA (plank)					
General Description of Fauna				Slides	G C					
a few <i>S. angiporoides</i>				Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other
				Abundant						
				Common						
				Rare						
				Preservation						
				Lithology						
				Age	3					
				Determined by:	Date					

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Ammonia aoteana (c other spp) - contaminat⁴

SAMPLE NO.

GLENELG 1

Geological Survey of Victoria
MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Depth	2748'	Rock Type	
Material		Geological Information	
Locality		Collected by	
Formation			

	Signature	Date
Inspected		
Washed W		May '75
Polished		
Sectioned		
Slides W		

General Description of Fauna

planktonic, mostly small;
incl. *S. angiporoides*

Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other.
Abundant						
Common						
Rare						

Preservation

Lithology

Age

Determined by:

Date

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Ammonia notteana - contaminatⁿ

SAMPLE NO.

GLENELG 1

Geological Survey of Victoria
MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Depth	1690'	Rock Type	
Material		Geological Information	
Locality		Collected by	
Formation			

	Signature	Date
Inspected		
Washed W		May '75
Polished		
Sectioned	CA (plank)	
Slides W	C	

General Description of Fauna

planktonic include *S. angiporoides*

Occurrence	For.	Ostr.	Bryoz.	Echin.	Moll.	Other.
Abundant						
Common						
Rare						

Preservation

Lithology

Age

Determined by:

Date

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Ammonia notteana - contaminatⁿ

3.3. Report on the Age of Nelson Bore
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ans and Coastal Sandrock in Northern Queensland

Ball (1924), Bryan and David (1950) have all written on the beaches of Queensland for which the name is now generally accepted. This is described as

not very strongly cemented aggregation of colourless grains with a variable content of organic matter. This latter binds the binding material of the colour of the rock, which is strongly coherent black sand-like pale aggregate. Most of the rock is brown in colour, and

formation has been variously described by authors above as from Terrestrial, Bryan and Jones, and David, represents a cemented floor of dunes; Ball ascribes its formation to the deposition of beach sands by overflow of swamp

Other investigations, evidence which indicates that these are of two main types, with a

wide spread is a 'fossil' B horizon humus podzols developed in the landscape, and of varying Pleistocene age. During the fluctuations of sea-level in the early Recent there has been truncation of the A horizon, possibly portion of the B horizon, with siliceous material, exposed again by erosion of the redunes.

These sands which have been compressed, and which are exposed. Sometimes these are a fossil B horizon of the

are, possibly, former horizons which have been buried (e.g., mangrove swamps).

The most common and are distinguished from each other by texture by the presence in Type 2 horizons of various genera, and Type 1 may include banded

deposits of heavy minerals of the rutile-zircon group.

These fossil humic pans and buried peats extend seaward below low water mark, and also occur at levels of up to approximately 250 feet above present sea-level at various places on the southern coast of Queensland and the northern coast of New South Wales. In the latter area they are, mostly, only a few feet above sea-level. Many of the exposures do not conform to the present landscape. It seems possible that these formations may yield information concerning eustatic fluctuations in the Pleistocene; this hypothesis is now being tested. Detailed evidence in support of these statements will be presented elsewhere in due course.

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Age of Nelson Bore Sediments

When boring operations ceased in 1945, the Nelson Bore (see Dept. of Mines, Victoria, 1946), located near the mouth of the Glenelg River, south-western Victoria, had penetrated 7,305 feet of sediments without reaching lacustrine Jurassic strata. The bore was commenced 10 feet above sea level, the first 816 feet being composed of Janjukian limestones and marls.

At 816 feet there occurs a marked lithological break, thought to be indicative of a time break on the basis of correlation across to the Older Tertiary succession in the Princetown district of western Victoria. Immediately below this the bore penetrated 174 feet of coarse sandstone underlain by a glauconitic oolitic rock with occasional specimens of *Cyclammina*, and hence marine. At 990 feet below the surface another marked lithological break is observed, and from then on for approximately 1,650 feet there occurs a marine series of similar alternating carbonaceous and non-carbonaceous fine sandstones and siltstones with *Cyclammina* and so-called 'algal-markings'.

This series grades downwards into a group of sediments some 1,050 feet thick, composed of marine fine sandstones and siltstones with much less included carbonaceous material than the preceding 1,650 feet, and without the 'algal-

markings' of those sediments. They include types in which mica flakes have increased in amount, and in places contain occasional glauconite and marine fossils. Interbedded light and dark grey to brown shales and mudstones are a feature of these parts of the Nelson Bore sediments, and occasional bands of coarse sandstones have been observed between 3,500 and 4,500 feet. Below these strata the bottom 2,300 feet or so of sediments are dominantly sandy (arenites), with occasional interbedded argillaceous layers in places containing carbonaceous laminae. The arenites contain authigenic minerals of marine origin, such as glauconite, colophonite, dolomite, etc. Thus beneath the topmost lithological break (at 816 feet) there are 6,489 feet of pre-Janjukian, post-Jurassic, marine sediments. Little can be said at present of the 174 feet of sediments that lie immediately below this lithological break, except that they are not all 'glauconitic sandstones' as reported; they have been placed in the Nelson Formation (Oligocene) by Boutakoff and Sprigg (1953, p. 41). Certain of the lowermost 6,315 feet, however, have recently yielded some interesting and important geological information.

No outcrops of sediments like those intersected below 816 feet in the Nelson Bore have yet been recorded in the vicinity of Nelson, parish of Glenelg, counties Follett and Normanby. Hence studies of these sediments are confined to limited amounts of material provided by bore core samples, which range in diameter from 2½ inches near the top to approximately 1½ inches near the bottom of the bore, and so do not reveal much in the way of microfossils. Up to the present time, the few microfossils noted in the bore core samples have provided no specific indications of the age of the sediments, so that reliance has to be placed on the micro-organisms that can be isolated from them.

Examination of the foraminiferal content by Crespin (1947) led to the conclusion that the entire series of carbonaceous sandstones and shales from the depth of 7,299 feet up to 989 feet is probably referable to the Anglesean Stage of Middle Miocene age. Boutakoff and Sprigg (1953, p. 30) concluded that the lowest sediments penetrated by the Nelson Bore 'presumably still represent the Dartmoor Formation' (at the top of the Knight Group), to which an Eocene to Palaeocene age was assigned.

The results of recent studies of the microfossil contents (Cookson, 1954; Cookson and Pike, 1954), and of the planktonic micro-organisms (Cookson, 1953; Deflandre and Cookson, 1954, 1955) of selected sediments from the Nelson Bore confirm the results obtained from lithological and stratigraphical studies in progress over the past decade in connexion with the nature and disposition of the Nelson Bore sediments, and the comparison of these with the sediments constituting the Older Tertiary succession in the Moonlight Head-Princetown district of south-western Victoria. Moreover the

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discovery of dinoflagellates and hystrichosphaerids among the planktonic micro-organisms provides further proof of the marine environment of this theatre of sedimentation.

The following conclusions arise from the studies referred to above:

(a) The sediments examined for pollen grains, microspores, and planktonic micro-organisms from 992 feet in the Nelson Bore are lithologically identical with those in the upper portion of the Wangerrip Group in the Moonlight Head - Princetown district. The sediments are also *Cyclammina*-bearing at each locality, and those from each locality contain similar microfossil assemblages. A Lower Eocene age has been assigned to these sediments in the Princetown district (Baker, 1950, 1953).

(b) The sediments examined for micro-organisms between 3,650 feet and 4,025 feet in the Nelson Bore can be matched reasonably well with those of the Pebble Point Formation at the base of the Wangerrip Group in the Moonlight Head - Princetown district, and have been found to contain a somewhat older microfloral and planktonic micro-organism assemblage than those obtained at 992 feet. At each locality the sediments contain similar pollen types, characterized by *Triorites edwardsii* (Cookson, 1954; Cookson and Pike, 1954) and the dinoflagellate *Deflandrea bakeri* (Deflandre and Cookson, 1954, 1955). The age of the Pebble Point Formation is regarded as being Lower Eocene with Palaeocene affinities (Baker, 1950, 1953).

(c) The sediments intersected below approximately 4,250 feet in the Nelson Bore are not represented in the Moonlight Head - Princetown district, but those between 4,250 feet and approximately 4,500 feet evidently still belong to the Lower Eocene to Palaeocene.

From some of the occasionally carbonaceous shales and mudstones occurring interbedded with the lowermost 2,800 feet of marine arenites, the sporomorph *Mohriospirites australiensis* and the planktonic micro-organisms *Hystrichosphaeridium complex* and *Odontochitina cribropoda* (Deflandre and Cookson, 1954, 1955) have been isolated from between 5,782 feet and 6,192 feet. These microfossils occur in Australian Upper Cretaceous sediments, but have not so far been found in Australian Tertiary deposits.

It now becomes evident that the earlier placing of the entire thickness of the lowermost 6,300 feet or so of the Nelson Bore sediments into the Dartmoor Formation (Boutakoff and Sprigg, 1953, p. 41) needs revision on the basis of the new information recently obtained from these parts of the bore, for the Dartmoor Formation has been placed above the Bahgallah Formation; and the Bahgallah Formation has been correlated by Kenley (1951) with the Pebble Point Formation of the Moonlight Head - Princetown district (Baker, 1943, 1950, 1953), equivalents of which are represented in the

middle portions (approximately 3,600 feet to about 4,025 feet) of the Nelson Bore. The lowermost 6,315 feet of sediments intersected in the Nelson Bore are now shown to be partly Upper Cretaceous and partly Lower Eocene to Palaeocene, according to conclusions (a) to (c) listed above, but the boundaries between the eras have not yet been accurately determined.

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Concretions and Associated Minerals in Triassic Beds near Gosford

Abstract

Triassic sandy shales near Gosford contain zoned concretions. Tabular barytes, a kaolinic mineral, and millerite are associated. Crystalline discoidal aggregates of barytes occur in adjacent beds.

Introduction

This note reports observations made at the Gosford Brick, Tile, and Pipe Company's quarry, on Pacific Highway, about 1½ miles west of Gosford. Specimens are described tentatively, pending further field and laboratory study.

Mineralized, zoned, concretions were collected at the quarry initially (11 August 1954) by H. G. Golding and R. Burdon, and later (22 October 1954) by H. G. Golding, F. N. Hanlon, and L. Koch. Barite discs were collected there by Golding on 30 November 1954.

The quarry exposes a capping of graphitic sandstone underlain by some 50 feet of sandy shales. Millimetre-laminites, with alternate shaley and sandy laminae, often plant-bearing and micaceous, are frequent, and constitute the matrix of the concretions. The sequence is placed by Hanlon (personal communication) as very close to the top of the Gosford Formation.

Concretions

Raggatt (1929) described calcareous concretions, and (1937, 345) noted zoned concretions, from Permian strata. Lovering (1954) noted iron oxide concretions and sideritic nodules, and (1953, 164, 166) hollow mineralized

concretionary structures, from beds. Hanlon, Osborne and I (112, 117) listed Narrabeen horizon ironstone nodules and concretion (1948, 6) referred to 'peculiar nodules' at a higher level in the Group. Apart from iron stain the concretions described in the lack notable iron. They also tinctive zonal structure.

The concretions reported here mostly on two levels, about 8 in the quarry floor. They are indurated bodies, the longest diameter 2 inches, lying parallel to the host to frequent dissection by weathering planes, truncated 'slices' rather than whole concretions were collected. A few without parting planes showed exterior, and, when sawn, show like mineralized cracks internally.

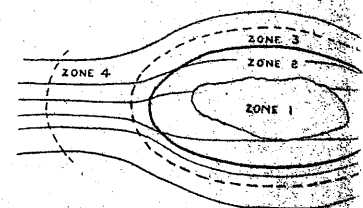


Figure 1.
Diagrammatic vertical section of concretion and matrix, showing the stratification planes to

Parting planes and sawn sections show characteristic lithologic zones. Figure 1) of apparently millimetre-grained material in ellipsoidal shape, not always disposed in relation to the external form of the concretion. It effervesces with acid in fresh specimens, weathered specimens. A thin abundant radial aggregates (replaced by a kaolinitic matrix in weathered specimen). Subordinate minerals (magnetite?) in the fresh and idioblastic carbonate in weathered specimens, are noteworthy, in weathered specimens, a mottled appearance.

Zone 1 is somewhat crenulate peripherally. It is surrounded by grey shale-silt grade 'shell' with horizontal laminae (zone 2). This zone also effervesces with acid, approximates to the surface of the concretion. A third narrow concentric zone (zone 3, Figure 1) the matrix immediately outside, and a fourth 'shell' of discoidal (zone 4, Figure 1), which effervesces sometimes occurs.

Wanwin-1

: CORE 4 (168.9-174.3m) : *asperopolus* Zone : late Early to early Middle Eocene : marginally marine.

Glengel-1

: CORE (302m) : *asperopolus* Zone : late Early to early Middle Eocene : marginally marine.

: CORE (390m) : upper *diversus* Zone : Early Eocene : marginally marine.

Narrawaturk-6

: CORE 10 (630-639.7m) : lower *asperus* Zone (*heterophlycta* dinocyst Zone) : Middle Eocene : very nearshore marine.

: CORE (633.2-639.7m) : lower *asperus* Zone (*heterophlycta* dinocyst Zone) : Middle Eocene : marginally marine.

Dartmoor-25

: CORE (57-61.4m) : middle *diversus* Zone : Early Eocene : non-marine.

Devondale Road Quarry : 5719600E : indeterminate : only trace inertinite seen.

Lavers Hill (south of Sandpit Road) : indeterminate : only trace inertinite seen.

Wye River : Beach : indeterminate : abundant fungal debris seen.

The lower *asperus* Zone samples are consistent with the lower Nirranda Sub Group. The *asperopolus* and upper *diversus* Zone samples are consistent with the Burrungule Member and the immediately underlying Dilwyn Formation. The middle *diversus* Zone sample is consistent with the Dilwyn Formation underlying the Burrungule Member.

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4.0 Geochemical Reports

4.1 Preliminary Report on Samples from
no. 1 Bore

ALLOTMENT 57, PARISH OF PUEBLA, VICTORIA,(GEE LONG FLOW OIL CO).Report No. 1948/50.(Pal. Series No. 19).

This account of the micropalaeontological examination of samples received from this bore to date is presented as a preliminary report. The samples examined were taken from the surface down to the depth of 1,130 feet. The bore is being drilled by percussion methods and consequently there is some admixture of fossil species. However, towards the lower part of the bore, these adventitious species disappear and the species recorded are characteristic of the beds in which they are found.

The approximate limits of the various stratigraphic horizons recognised in the samples are as follows:-

Pleistocene to Recent	-	Surface down to 70 feet.
Middle Miocene	-	70 feet down to 1,130 feet.
Balcombian stage	-	70 feet down to 230 feet.
Janjukian stage	-	230 feet down to 770 feet.
Anglesean stage	-	770 feet down to 1,130 feet.

Pleistocene to Recent.

Seventy feet of reddish to ochreous, unfossiliferous sandstones of Pleistocene to Recent age overlie the marine Tertiaries.

Middle Miocene.1. Balcombian stage.

The yellowish limestone at 70-80 feet most probably represents the top of the Balcombian stage. From 80 feet down to 230 feet the rocks range from cream coloured limestones to grey marls containing numerous foraminifera. These beds apparently represent the lower portion of the Balcombian stage, typical zonal species being present. Operculina victoriensis is common at 210-220 feet and is present in most of the samples down to 230 feet in association with Cibicides victoriensis and Crospinella umbonifera.

2. Janjukian Stage.

The bore passes into Janjukian stage at approximately 230-240 feet when zonal foraminifera such as Massilina torquayensis are met with in grey marls. These grey marls persist down to 460 feet where the lithology changes to sandy marls containing Turritella aldingae. Typical foraminifera of the upper part of the Janjukian, Clavulinoides szaboi var. victoriensis, Liebusella antipodum, Sigmollina victoriensis are fairly common.

At 600 feet pyrites is prevalent in the samples and the marls change from grey to greenish-grey in colour. Fragments of small mollusca such as Turritella aldingae, and Luxex polyphyllus occur occasionally. Glauconite grains are common at 640-670 feet.

The foraminiferal assemblage of the lower Bird Rock horizon occurs from 700 feet down to 770 feet, zonal species such as Massilina torquayensis, Victoriella plecte, Cyclamina incisa, and Sherbornina atkinsoni being recorded.

3. Anglesean Stage.

At approximately 770 feet the bore passes into the

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Anglesan stage where it is represented by a coarse sandstone consisting of rounded to angular quartz grains. At 780 feet it passes into dark grey carbonaceous sandstone composed of fine angular quartz grains, and containing Ammodiscus sp. At 890 feet the lithology is a dark grey to brown, fine grained ligneous sandstone which is typical of the type Anglesan material, and which persists down to the last sample at 1,130 feet. Small foraminifera are present, their test being replaced with pyrites. Large tests of Cyclanmina occur from 1,000 feet down to 1,050 feet and the genus is present down to 1,120-1,130 feet, where it is common. A small fish tooth was found at 1,110-1,120 feet.

Canberra, A.C.T.
13/8/48.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON FURTHER SAMPLES FROM
NO. 1 BORE ALLOTMENT 57, PARISH OF PUEBLA,
VICTORIA.

(Geelong Flow Oil Co.)

Report No. 1948/65
(Pal. Ser. No. 27)

The samples recently received for examination came from the depth of 1130 feet down to 1260 feet and were in continuation of the series reported upon on 13/8/48.

Based on lithological evidence, the present series of samples from the Geelong Flow Oil Bore apparently passed out of the Tertiary into the Jurassic at 1,200 feet, when the lithology changed from grey shales into a grey sandstone containing large quartz pebbles and fine angular grains of clear and milky quartz.

The samples from 1,130 feet down to 1,160 feet consisted of brown, lignitiferous sandstone typical of the Anglesean stage of the Tertiary and containing the characteristic Anglesean foraminifera Cyclammina. From 1,160 feet down to 1,200 feet pale grey sandstones and shales containing abundant pyrite were encountered and a specimen of Cyclammina, partially replaced with pyrite was present at 1,180-1,190 feet.

At 1,200 feet there was a sharp change in lithology, and sandstone similar to the grey sandstone of the Jurassic rocks in the Geelong area continued from this depth down to the last sample received at 1,260 feet.

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4.2 Report on Rocks & Inflammable Gas

REPORT ON THE ROCKS AND THE INFLAMMABLE GAS COLLECTED
FROM THE GEELONG FLOW OIL COMPANY'S WELL NEAR
TORQUAY.

By N. Boutakoff, B.Sc.

The Geelong Flow Oil Company's Torquay cable-tool well passed out of ligneous basal Tertiary clay and entered bluish-grey shale at 1200-1210 feet, which Dr. D. E. Thomas considered at the time as being probably of Jurassic age. It continued in rocks of the same type and occasional hard sandstone, down to a depth of 1800 feet, reached on 2nd September, 1949, when high temperature and inflammable gas were reported to this Department. Both were mentioned again at 1810 feet, on the 10th September, 1949.

On the 14th September 1949, the writer paid a visit to the well, with the object of investigating the inflammable gas and of ascertaining, if possible, the age of the rocks being drilled through.

Inflammable gas was twice brought up with the mud by dart valve bailer and the mud was found to drop approximately 18 inches in the 20-ft. bailer, after the gas had tumultuously escaped from it. On this first visit, equipment for collecting gas from the bailer, was found to be inadequate under existing conditions.

The mud in the bailer was found to be hot and slightly steaming. A maxima thermometer was let down the well twice and recorded a temperature of 120 deg. F. at well bottom. A black coal scum was at that time floating over the mud released from the bailer.

Collecting at the bottom of the mud trough, brought to light several fragments of splintered grey shale, some containing plant remains and one also being traversed by a thin streak of black coal. The contents of the bailer were then thoroughly examined and from the second load of mud hoisted to the surface, six chips of fossiliferous Jurassic rock were secured, two being blue-grey sandstone and four blue-grey to black shale, all fragments containing numerous plant remains. The depth of the well at the time of collecting must have been around 1815 feet although the driller mentioned a depth of 1810 feet, which, according to drilling reports submitted to this Department, ~~was~~ was reached on 10th September.

On the 19th September 1949, a second trip was made to the

well in company of Mr. F. F. Field, Senior Chemist, Government Laboratories, with the object of securing a sizable sample of the inflammable gas. The well was then reported to have reached the depth of 1825 feet. A gas trap, designed by the writer, was used, consisting of an 8-ft. dart valve bailer, closed at the top with a welded-on steel lid, carrying a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch cock.

The bailer was let down the well with the cock open and spudded. As soon as it was hoisted to the surface, the gas at the cock head was bled until it ignited, thus removing traces of air. The cock was then locked, connected with a gallon water-filled bottle and gradually opened. Two bailings were found necessary to fill the bottle with gas.

Analyses of the gas are as follows:-

Hydrogen	63.1%	63.1%
Methane.....	19.8%	19.8%
Nitrogen.....	13.5%	14.2%
CO	1.4%	1.4%
CO ₂	0.7%	0.7%
O ₂	0.5%	0.5%
Ethane.....	0.7%	nil.
Unsaturated Hydrocarbon..	0.3%	0.3%
Total.....	100%	100%

Mr. Field's report is attached. This gas contains only traces of ethane and can in no way be taken as a favourable indication for oil or petroleum gas.

The large percentage of methane may be attributable to the presence of coal and carbonized plant remains in the rocks being drilled through.

The remarkably high percentage of hydrogen recalls to memory the hydrogen wells drilled in South Australia and thoroughly investigated by L. Keith Ward in 1933⁽¹⁾. From this author we learn that two wells drilled for oil in South Australia, the first late in 1921 on Kangaroo Island and the second in 1931, east of Minlaton on Yorke

(1) L. Keith Ward - "Inflammable Gases occluded in the pre-Palaeozoic

Peninsula, encountered inflammable gas, mostly composed of hydrogen, in pre-Palaeozoic rocks, consisting in mica-schist, phyllite and quartz-mica-schist in the first case and Upper Pre-Cambrian limestone in the second. The depth interval was 615-950 feet, on Kangaroo Island, and 370-1,666 feet on Yorke Peninsula. The analyses given by Ward are as follows:-

Kangaroo Island

(1) At 615 feet	(1) At 615 feet	(2) At 950 feet.
CO ₂	5.3%	0.52%
O ₂	4.3%	3.55%
Ethylene etc.....	0.5%	nil.
CO	nil	nil.
Hydrogen	53.3%	68.64%
Methane	2.6%	4.68%
Nitrogen	36.0%	22.61%
(by difference)		
Total.....	100 %	100 %

Yorke Peninsula (Miniaton) -

	I 790'	II 790'	III 860'	IV 860'	V 860'	VI 1,666'
CO ₂	0.8%	0.2%	0.8%	0.8%	0.6%	nil
O ₂	nil	nil	3.2%	2.4%	3.0%	1.2%
Ethylene etc...	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
CO	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Hydrogen.....	74.0%	76.0%	60.0%	64.4%	60.0%	84.0%
Methane	7.5%	7.5%	5.4%	7.0%	5.6%	nil
Nitrogen	17.7%	16.3%	30.6%	25.4%	30.8%	14.8%
(by difference)						
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

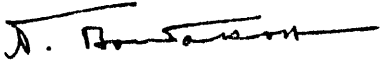
From correspondence between Ward and Chamberlin (Chicago University) quoted by Ward, (loc. cit. pp.46-47) it appears that the presence of methane and ethylene seems to suggest organic origin whereas the high proportion of hydrogen "rather suggests that it has come from inorganic sources". According to Chamberlin reactions between water and ferrous compounds at 100 deg. or 200 deg. temper-

ature would possibly account for the high proportion of hydrogen; at the same time "a slight rise in temperature would break up organic matter, giving rise to methane".

It may be recalled that a relatively high temperature has been recorded in the present bore, suggestive of hot water circulation along faults. It should further be mentioned that pyrites has been recorded in the well after the writer's visit, in the 1825'-1830' interval, together with warm water and inflammable gas. Chamberlin also mentioned (Ward loc. cit. p. 47) blowers of gas in some potash mines near Strassfurt, in which hydrogen is present in the proportion of 93 per cent.

The occurrence of hydrogen gas in a well near Torquay, Victoria, is of considerable scientific interest and again shows that this gas is widely distributed through a variety of rocks of vastly different ages.

The occurrence of oil in the fresh-water Jurassic of Torquay is considered as highly improbable, on account of the non-petroliferous nature of the overlying Tertiary beds and of the underlying Ordovician slates. The deepening of the well near Torquay is extremely unlikely to yield profitable results and therefore cannot be recommended.

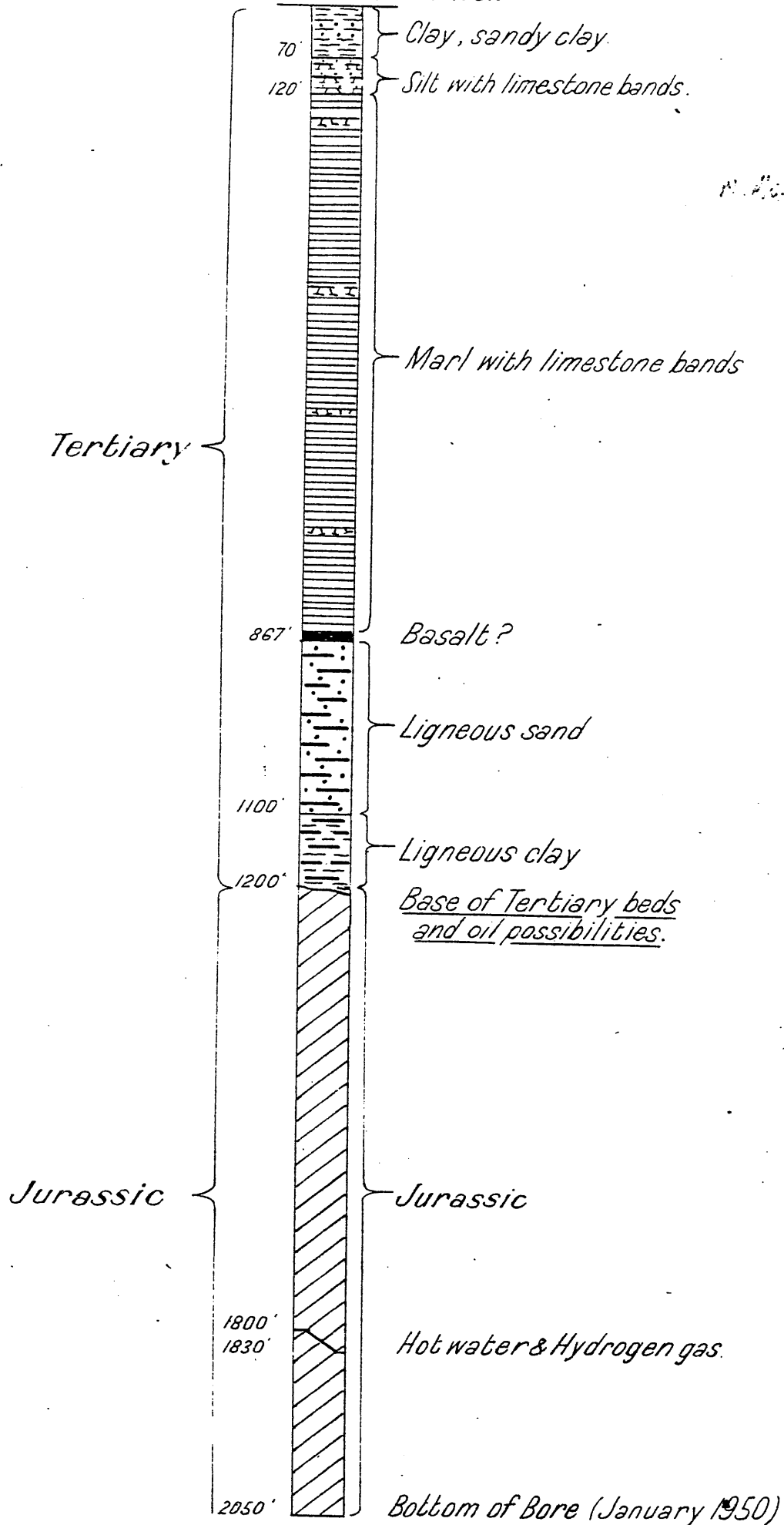

Senior Geologist.

26th September, 1949.

GEELONG FLOW OIL CO. LTD

Bore N°1 Parish of Puebla

SCALE : 200 FEET TO 1 INCH



0-70' ...
70-230' ...
230-700' ...
700-1130' ...
1130-1200' ...
1200' ...

5.0 Enclosures

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5.2 Density Log

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