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ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO REPORT ON COAL FOUND AT SPRING BAY.

Mr. R. Robinson, of Triabunna, who has taken very great interest in the prospecting for coal throughout the Spring Bay District, has, since my report was issued, written to me that I have been misinformed as to some of the old workings. This may very well be, as no written records appear to have been kept by my informants, who therefore spoke from memory only. There seems little possibility now of ascertaining which versions are most nearly correct, so I give Mr. Robinson's statement, as it differs considerably from those previously made by me to others.

Shaft C, known as Gurney's Shaft.—My informant as to the depth of this being 97 feet, and a drive having been put in for a distance of 50 feet, was to the best of my recollection Mr. Bresnahan, who worked himself in the mine. Mr. Robinson says:—"The facts are, that when the seam of coal (5 feet) was gone through in the shaft at a depth, as far as I can recollect, of 60 feet, a gullet was cut round the seam on the side of the shaft, and a block or section of seam was taken out, put into a box 5 feet long 18 inches square, and sent to Melbourne to show the seam to its full depth. . . . No drive was made in Gurney's shaft further than cutting round the seam to get a block out."

Shaft and Bore J.—With regard to this Mr. Robinson is a much better authority than anyone else, and speaks from a written record preserved by him. He gives the following section:—

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| <i>Shaft.</i> —Yellow clay | 6 | 0 |
| Yellow sandstone..... | 10 | 0 |
| White sandstone, soft and friable..... | 12 | 0 |
| Solid hard sandstone, dark grey colour, impregnated with fern fossils ; alternate flat beds or laminations with fern fossils ; largest depth without laminations 10 feet, beds horizontal..... | 88 | 0 |
| Soapstone, dark grey colour..... | 8 | 0 |
| Seam of coal, hard anthracite, and almost as near stone as possible..... | 0 | 8 |
| Soft soapstone, laminated | 7 | 0 |
| White very hard sandstone..... | 14 | 0 |
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| Total depth of shaft..... | 145 | 8 |
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| <i>Bore.</i> —Very hard basaltic sandstone (miners would call it bastard sandstone) | 7 | 0 |
| Dark sandstone, hard, free from fossils | 30 | 0 |
| Black clod | 0 | 6 |
| Dark soapstone..... | 5 | 0 |
| Black clod..... | 0 | 6 |
| Coal of a very hard character and inferior quality | 1 | 4 |
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| Total depth of bore..... | 44 | 4 |
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Then very hard strata of a coarse character, quartzite, was reached, when water came freely and bore was abandoned. No 5 feet seam of coal was seen.

The borings with the diamond drill, now being carried out by Signor Bernacchi, will probably soon settle the question of the number of seams of coal that exist under Triabunna.

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