

REPORT ON THE SUPPOSED OCCURRENCE OF OIL  
ON THE PROPERTY OF MRS. TATLOW AT MENGHA.

The property (not now occupied by Mrs. Tatlow) is situated in the South Forest district, about one mile west of the railway station of Mengha. The supposed occurrence was on a block charted in the name of J. Healy.

The country in the vicinity is occupied entirely by slates of the Cambro-Ordovician system.

The supposed occurrence was stated to have been a white oily substance found in post holes sunk near the house.

On sinking holes to a depth of 12 to 18 inches, it was found during the visit that a white clayey subsoil was encountered and water entered some of the holes, but no oily substance was in evidence.

As to whether the substance stated to have been found was really oily in nature, or perhaps a mixture of clay and water, cannot be stated.

In any case, it is improbable that any oil found would be natural and of economic importance, seeing that the bedrock consists of highly tilted Cambro-Ordovician slates.

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