

NOTES ON DREDGING NEAR LYNCHFORD.

It was reported in June, 1900, that a Sydney company was about to begin work on 6 dredging claims and leases on the Queen River near Lynchford. The Queen River Gold Dredging and Sluicing Company N.L. was registered on 22/11/1901.

The pontoon was successfully launched by March, 1901, and machinery installed by June, 1901. The plant included 22 buckets of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  c.ft. capacity, operating at the rate of 12 per minute, 10" centrifugal pump and was capable of treating 100 c.yds. per hour and working to a depth of 25 feet.

Operations were carried out during the September quarter of 1901 and March quarter of 1902. No reports of the results were sent in and no reasons for the cessation of operations were given. It was stated, however, that the amount of gold recovered during the first run was disappointing, but that better results were expected when the dredge entered the bed of the river.

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