

Since the discovery of alluvial gold was made on what is known as Little Den, Lake River, referred to in the report of the writer, dated 16th May, 1932, very little productive work has been carried out.

A further visit to the locality was made on the 12th instant for the purpose of examining the extent of the area over which gold is distributed.

Hitherto, what limited amount of sluicing work carried out has been confined to the northern portion. Several small paddocks have been ground sluiced, the methods used being most primitive; superficial material to a depth of about a foot only being dealt with. The underlying drifts have not been tested excepting by prospecting shafts in one or two places to a depth of a few feet.

The results of this work are stated to have been very satisfactory so far as gold prospects are concerned. There appears to be little doubt that the distribution of gold extends for a considerable distance south on the western bank of the river.

The nature of the drift is identical with that at the northern end although the prospects are not so promising in so far as actual results by panning are concerned. A guide as to the potentially gold bearing ground is the nature of the drift where sluicing is in progress. This material extends practically over the greater portion of the plain which is approximately 110 chains in length by 60 chains in width on the western side of Lake River. No definite steps have been taken to test the extent and depth of the drift. Every facility exists to carry out this work at a minimum of cost by means of a series of scout bores or by sinking pits to determine the nature of and the proportion of gold it contains.

An abundant water supply is available from the Lake River. A small race has been constructed through the area, tapping it at the southern end of the plain.

The prospects generally, so far as the extent of drift is concerned, and the results obtained, fully warrant further investigation on the lines indicated.

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