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MEMORANDUM

Visit to Zeehan from 23rd September - till 5th October arranging for road into 10th Legion Iron ore deposits and transports of drilling plant and erection on site:

September 23rd: - Left Hobart at 9 a.m. and arrived Zeehan at 4 p.m. The expected P.W.D. Bulldozer had not arrived by train.

September 24th: - Bulldozer arrived by goods train and unloaded on ramp secured the services of J. Howard's mobile crane to lift the blade off railway truck and place in position on machine. Secured 4 - 8" x 2" x 11' and 4 - 8" x 2" x 6' planks to lay over bitumen road. These had to be purchased from J. Howard's sawmill. They will be useful on the drill rig.

September 25th: - Bulldozer driven out to start of track and pushed scrub away and made a road into the button grass. The first attempt at the sideling on the big hill resulted in the dozer getting bogged at 2.20 p.m.

September 26th: - Made contact to Hobart and went to Renison Bell to interview J. Miller P.W.D. Overseer in regard to getting machine out of bog. Arrangements finalised owing to fact there were no anchorages for pulling out, to get L. Mayne with Mr. McCutcheon's bulldozer at McIvor's flat, several miles distant, to come and do the pulling out.

September 27th: - The McCutcheon bulldozer had to be fitted with a repaired transfer case cover and did not move off till 11.30 a.m. but time taken was only  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours before the P.W.D. machine was pulled out and commenced working.

P.W.D. 'dozer worked for 3 hours (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) continuing the road down the hill and coming to a stop through breakdown of blade lifting mechanism. Part taken out and transported to Zeehan for repairs.

September 30th: - Gales, hail, snow and heavy rain. 'dozer only worked one hour.

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Tuesday 1st October: - All hands went to work on show covered ground. The 'dozer was repaired and worked from 9.50 a.m. till 1 p.m. inclusive of crib time then blade lifting mechanism broke down again. Drill crew towed equipment part way into site by Land Rover.

Wednesday 2nd October: - 'Dozer repaired and continued with road into first drill site and made a small dam in creek, then pushed road into second site and returned to Zeehan. More drill equipment pulled in to site by Land Rover. Weather still very bad.

Thursday 3rd October: - Towed rest of plant into site and commenced rigging drill.

Friday 4th October: - Completed rigging drill and installed pump. Pugged up dam wall with clods of peat.

Requirements for Zeehan drill

1. The back tyres on the Land Rover are worn fairly smooth and need retreading, meanwhile two new 600 x 16 Dunlop bar tread or similar type most necessary for this vehicle
2. 3 dozen six inch nails
3. one axe handle
4. one Stillson 18" pipe wrench (from stock)
5. Merchants order form on J. Howard for two bags of Railton Cement.

Saturday 5th October: - Left Zeehan at 9 a.m. and arrived Hobart 4 p.m.



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