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MEMORANDUMSeymour Coal

Without referring to the early history of Seymour Coal when early report suggested that discovery of gold on the mainland resulted in the closure of the mine by loss of labour the later history of the place is as follows:-

The Company which closed down in 1931 was a Limited Company of £80,000 capital of which £56269 was issued leaving 23731 shares to be issued. A jetty had been constructed to 1100 feet.

In 1930 the Government was approached for a loan of £7,000 to complete the jetty and get the mine into a stage fit for production.

and
The loan was not granted/the jetty has disappeared.

There is no place on the East Coast closer than Coles Bay where suitable facilities for loading could be made.

In 1929 W.H. Williams took 2 samples from the fact which analysed

FHC	30.4	22.8
FHC	49.7	61.6
Ash	17.7	12.5
S	0.92	0.74
BTU	12040	12480

In 1944-5 the Department of Mines put down two bores with Calyx equipment.

Core samples showed

Bore 1 Sample 1

	VCM	FHC	Ash	S	BTU		
Sample 2	138'3"	139'6"	31.8	38.54	28.08	0.50	10050
3	139'9"	140'9"	34.27	49.75	14.34	0.50	12410
4	140'9"	141'6"	24.41	25.86	47.96	0.34	6310
5	141'6"	142'5"	25.42	31.37	41.02	0.36	7560
5	142'5"	143'0"	15.69	21.23	60.82	0.16	3930

Total depth of Bore 250'

Bore No. 2 was taken to a depth of 159 feet and from a depth of 151' to 155'6" 1'9" of core was recovered but apparently was not analysed.

Bore No. 2 was sited 10 chains west from No. 1 Bore.

In 1929 W.H. Williams pointed out that the amount sought £7,000 by the then Company to complete their requirements was inadequate.

DIRECTOR OF MINES, HOBART

The present application if granted could provide nothing that the previous operators have not already done, and would be insufficient to render the mine fit for inspection and sampling.



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