

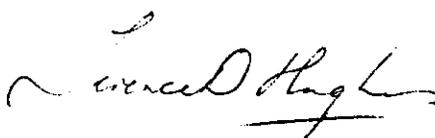
REPORTED OIL SEEP - DETENTION RIVER

Mr. C.R. Pyke of Natone reported an oil seep on the Detention River, stating that the river was covered for a distance of several chains by a substance that looked and smelt like oil. On the 27th April I accompanied Mr. Pyke and Mr. W.J. Campbell of Burnie to this locality which is situated one and a quarter miles south, south west of the Rocky Cape Railway Station and three quarters of a mile west of the road. At this time after heavy rains the river was in partial flood.

Here the river flows between steeply rising hills covered with dense secondary growth and composed of white quartzites of the Rocky Cape Group of the Precambrian. Half a mile to the east are cleared farmlands of Tertiary basalt.

At the time of our visit, there was no trace of the oily substance reported by Mr. Pyke. Geologically, the country consisting of tightly folded Precambrian quartzites and schists, is not considered favourable for the accumulation of oil.

I have suggested to Mr. Pyke that when the river drops he should endeavour to obtain a sample of the substance, either from the surface of the water or from a pit dug in the bank.



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