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**Examination of materials for the brickworks at Dulverton**

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The area surrounding the brickworks at Dulverton was examined on behalf of Messrs Luck brothers of Devonport in the period 25 to 28 October. It is required to find supplies of sand or sandy clay to be used as a blending material with clay from the brickworks, which has too high a shrinkage loss on firing to be used alone.

Cambrian greywacke appears suitable for this purpose and this rock outcrops over large areas of uncleared land in the vicinity of Beulah, Sprent and Nook.

Samples of this material were collected from these localities and delivered to the Launceston office of the department, together with samples of clay from the brick pit. If satisfactory results are obtained from preliminary blending tests in our laboratory, further and more exhaustive tests could be carried out. The company is contemplating the purchase of new plant for the manufacture of extruded bricks so it is likely that these further tests would be made by the plant manufacturers.

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