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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DIAMOND DRILLS, &c.:

PAPERS RELATING TO.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
October 23, 1883.



MEMO.

Will the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works be good enough to furnish information for the Legislative Council on the following points?

Registration of Documents, Lands and Works Department.

Cost of Diamond Drills and management, with revenue received.

Diamond Drills and Stone-crushers: are they charged to Revenue or Suspense Account or to Loans-Bill?

WM. MOORE.

Chief Secretary's Office, 20th October, 1883.

To the Accountant (Lands Branch) for information required as to Diamond Drills.

NICHOLAS J. BROWN.
20. 10. 83.

INFORMATION requested by the Honorable the Chief Secretary herewith.

NICHOLAS J. BROWN.
22. 10. 83.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

REGISTRATION OF DOCUMENTS.

£75 Lands Branch.
£75 Mines Branch.

THE registration of documents in this Department has been neglected since 1870; consequently there is a vast accumulation of papers, the contents of which are almost unknown to the present staff. In February last a temporary clerk was obtained to work off the arrears, and by this time he has almost overtaken the current work. There still remains a great many papers connected with Applications, Executive Minutes, &c., and it is estimated that the work will not be finally cleared off before June, 1884. Hence the item £75 is for six months' salary of the Registration Clerk.

When the registration of the Lands Branch is finished, the clerk will do the same duty for the Mines Branch; and it is estimated he will finish it in six months: hence £75 for six months' salary.

DIAMOND DRILLS.

RETURN showing Total Cost, Construction, and Working Expenses of Diamond Drills up to 30th September, 1883.

Particulars.	To 31st December, 1882.			To 30th September, 1883.			TOTAL.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Working Expenses.....	523	3	0	781	15	0	
Cost and Construction.....	6942	0	0	123	12	4	
Cost of Diamonds.....				660	14	0	
TOTAL.....	£7465	3	8	£1566	1	4	£9031 5 0

*RETURN showing Revenue received for Hire of Diamond Drill to 30th
September, 1883.*

	£	s.	d.
Leviathan Gold Mining Company.....	56	0	0
Alpine Gold Mining Company	40	0	0
Rock Shaft Gold Mining Company	76	0	0
TOTAL	£172	0	0

The Diamond Drills form a charge against Revenue, there being a certain sum voted yearly under the heading "Lands and Works Department, Mines Branch,"—Contingencies"—"Cost of Management and Expenses in connection with working Diamond Drills."

*RETURN showing Revenue outstanding for Hire of Diamond Drills at 30th
September, 1883.*

	£	s.	d.
Diamond Drill Prospecting Association	725	0	0
Leviathan Gold Mining Company	105	0	0
Alpine Gold Mining Company.....	247	0	0
Rock Shaft Gold Mining Company.....	51	0	0
TOTAL	£1128	0	0

[TELEGRAM.]

Launceston, 22nd October, 1883.

ALPINE, two hundred and forty-seven pounds ; Rock Shaft, fifty-one pounds.

F. BELSTEAD.

To Secretary of Mines.

STONE-CRUSHERS.

ITEM 3. Stone-crushers.—The cost of Stone-crushers is, for the present, charged to "Suspense Account," pending the final sanction of the Legislature to the provision for this service, when it will be transferred to that heading.

WILLIAM SMITH, C. C. P. W.
22. 10. 83.