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**RISDON EMBANKMENT, MAIN LINE
RAILWAY:**

REPORT OF ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF ON RECENT SLIP.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



MAIN LINE RAILWAY.

SLIP OF EMBANKMENT AT RISDON.

Public Works Office, Hobart, 8th October, 1885.

MEMO.

THE embankment has subsided some four feet, immediately at the north end of the Risdon Viaduct. The subsidence extends the whole width of the top of embankment at end of the viaduct, and for a length of about twenty-five yards, gradually lessening in width to a point near where a former slip ended.

The subsidence is due to the material of which embankment is formed—a pipe-clay—being saturated with water from the late heavy rains.

The permanent-way is supported temporarily with old sleepers, and repairs at foot of bank have been commenced. These repairs are likely to cost much money and time, and a constant watch is necessary in the present tender state of the embankment.

J. FINCHAM, *Engineer-in-Chief.*

The Hon. the Minister.