
GOLDEN BELT CO.

Location

SCARSDALE-PITFIELD ROAD SPRINGDALLAH, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0105

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 12000

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

GOLDEN BELT COMPANY (from June 1878)

NEW GOLDEN BELT COMPANY (March 1881), located between Piggoreet and Cape Clear.

06.1878: sinking on a portion of the ground formerly held by the Grand Trunk Co. and perhaps offering some hope for a revival of the tract of country from Scarsdale to Cape Clear.

12.1878: negotiating for machinery which is required to sink the shaft.

03.1879: putting up machinery; the future of mining in this locality rests on the result of this venture.

09.1879: progress delayed till now by a few incidents, which are now resolved.

12.1879: only company actually mining along the main trunk lead but progress is very slow for want of capital.

06.1880: resumed work; its success or failure will effect mining in this locality.

09.1880: not yet through the rock which is thicker than expected; applied for an additional 390 acres.7
12.1880: bottomed; good prospects reported; additional machinery being supplied; original claim being extended.
03.1881: found that the depth was too shallow and have had to sink deeper than predicted; company re-organising.
06.1881: reached a depth beyond what was expected.
09.1881: erecting very powerful machinery; the outcome of this mine may determine the future of mining in this area.10
03.1882: the plant and furniture were burnt last January but reconstruction is underway.
12.1882: sunk to the required depth and preparing to open out.
06.1883: bottomed and obtained an excellent prospect; but progress has been slow because of the large influx of water.
12.1883: breakages in machinery have been repaired.
03.1884: reported to have overcome their difficulties.
06.1884: continually being halted by in bursts of water.15
03.1885: has not made much progress; the diamond drill has been on the ground for some time and its bores are revealing some important facts about the position of the leads.
06.1885: regarded as the pioneer for the southern portion of this division, not showing any signs of improvement; let on tribute.16
09.1885: have not met with sufficient encouragement after 7 years of struggling; ceased operations. (new company)
03.1887: application has been made for 416 acres of the ground formerly held by the New Golden Belt Co.
06.1887: the application has been made to include both alluvial reef wash and a quartz lode.

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