
BRITISH BANNER CO

Location

FURNISS ROAD PITFIELD, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0115

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 12009

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

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BRITISH BANNER Co., Pitfield Plains.

C.POYNTON & PARTY, from April 1910

06.1870: has concluded a contract for sinking, several previous contracts being surrendered because the rock is so hard.

12.1870: prospects of this mine are good for mining in this district.2

03.1871: highly promising prospects.

06.1871: progress satisfactory; accepted a tender for erection of additional machinery.

06.1872: still driving in reef.

23.07.1894: bore down 44 feet.

25.12.1896: surface plant and erection of winding plant completed; will resume work in the new year.
25.12.1897: machinery was erected after the shaft was sunk to water level;
12.01.1900: company decided to erect a Massie fan for ventilation.
04.01.1901: yield of 4306.5 ozs for the year, with some falling off in the quality of the stone for the second half of the year.
28.06.1901: discovery of a quartz lode in the No.9 east drive considered important.
20.07.1901: yield for the quarter of 1047 ozs; 85 men working at the mine.
10.01.1903: poor results for their efforts.
1899 to 1905: recorded production of 14,480 ozs 2 dwt (or 450.392 kg).
09.09.1905: the Cherry Hill Co. at Linton secured the plant from the British Banner Co.; it will be removed and re-erected in twelve weeks.
(C. Poynton and Party from April 1910)
23.04.1910: extracting payable wash south of the old Banner; this run of gold is narrow but extremely good.
23.07.1910: getting good results treating the wash which is a continuation of the wash in the old Banner.
03.09.1910: still getting good returns from the north of their claim.
1911: machinery removed from the site.
1950 to 1980: site was leased to the local shire, during which time large quantities of quartz wash were removed; for example 26,000 tons were removed just prior to the expiry of the lease.19

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