

shoot fer throwing down the carbonate ore which replaces the sulphide 45 feet above. The timbering hove, and in fact throughout the mine, is very substantial. The legs are 10 inches thick and 7 feet high, while the cap pieces are 10 inches thick and 7 feet high, while the cap pieces are 10 inches thick and 7 feet high, while the cap pieces are 10 inches thick and 7 feet high, while the cap pieces are 10 inches thick and 7 feet high, while the cap pieces are 10 inches thick and 7 feet high, while the cap pieces are 10 inches thick and 7 feet high, while the cap pieces was the face of the drive a small crosscut (the third) has been gut in. The footwall of the lood has been struck, but not the hanging wall. Work in this portion of the whole way. The No. 1 morth drive just opposite was put in 50 feet, carrying the loot the whole way. The No. 1 morth drive just opposite was put in 50 feet, but the was found that the lodd bore away to the east, and the drive was therefore aban whosed.

At a distance of 20 feet further cast in the tunnel he No 2 morth level has been driven 86 feet with the trend of the lode. This level carries the hanging wall. Heavy sulphide ore occurs in this neighbourhood, and the hard portions of it were put through the smelter. At a distance of 30 feet from the entrance to this drive the lode open and the sulphide, which is the most payable, while the remainder is mainly soft fectour posed sulphide. At a distance of 70 feet carrying the lode with its for the whole of that depth. The lode for the sulphide, which is shine most payable, while the remainder is mainly soft feet with the theory and the sulphide, which is saile body 12 feet in thickness. The No. 1 level south has been driven (2 feet, carrying the lode with twice the face open sulphide. At a distance of 20 feet from the entrance to this drive the lode open and the sulphide, which is shine rest payable, while the remainder is mainly soft feet of the sulphide. At a distance of 20 feet feet will be the said been carried on a distance of 22

posed sulphide. At the face the lode narrows again to mine feet, but it still carries the same amount of high-grade sulphide. At a distance of 70 feet east along the main tunnel comes the No. 1 north drive, on the eastern lode, in which the quarts and quartife are visible in a solid body 12 feet in thickness. The No. 1 level south has been driven 52 feet, carrying the lode all the way. No work has been done here for the last five months. After crossing the lode the main tunnel has been carried on a distance of 32 feet, where it stops in quartaite country, apparently in the neighbourhood of another quarts lode, seconding to the indications on the crown. The principal shaft for working the carbonates lies north of the main tunnel, and higher up the hill. The carbonates outcropt in small strings, but make very large going down to join the western lode. So far they have not been smelted, only the sulphides from the western lode, at its intersection with the tunnel, and from the No. 2 north level on the same lode, having becomput through the furnaces.

the intersection with the tunnel, and from the No. 2 north level on the same lode, having beorput through the furnaces. The main body of the carbonate lode is reached by descending a ladder for about 25 feet, when the lode is found to have widened suddenly from 10 to 25 feet. A winze has been put down to the No. 2 north, on the western lode, 65 feet below. There is another shaft put down on the carbonate lode some distance south, but it is principally used in connection with a stope to the No. 1 south on the west lode. A proposal has been made to try the ground for the east and wast lodge at lower levels, but it will probably be and west lodge as lower levels, but it will probably be "unary 11."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Q.E.D." has evidently not been correctly informed upon this subject: and I believe it will be found that the sum held by the Trensurer to cover the half-unililion risk of nisurunce guarantees is about £1800, which I am quite sure "any sort of an actuary" would certify to be sufficient. The only thing that puzzles me is how the Civil servants were screwed out of about £800 more than the same business was taken for by the insurance companies who transacted the business last year, for I am told they only received £1000 in prumiums.

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(by our appearant reporters).

Taking the mines in order north, along the line of reef, the filles where the local to go over the intervaning time I decided to go over the interv mond. On October 14 the Raven and Diamond arrived off Cape Ventenat, and as the natives refused to surrender the murderer half-a-dozen men were landed, who burnt the villages down, destroyed the cances, nets, &c. When this work had been completed the Diamond left again the same day for Slade Island, to inquire into the murder of a Mr. Reid, who had been a trader there for some years. Inquiry slicited the facts that the deceased had caused the death of two of the natives, and had otherwise conducted himself towards the islanders as to, in the ominion of those best qualified to judge.

of the ennecs were magnifects specimens of native works manship, and will be a great loss to their late owners. No fewer than 12 skulls were found here, smong them being those of Captain Howie and his companions; and the heat in which Captain Howie was murdered was also recovered. The Diamond then returned to Dinner Island, where she arrived on the 7th December. From there she went to Hoop Iron Bay, the natives of which place had expressed their intention of fighting the man-of-twar when she came back again; but they did not put in an appearance, although their villages, &co., were burnt, as were those in the next bay.

Deboyne Island was next touched at to inquire into the murder of a trader named Garrett, and the result of the inquiries was that it was considered the natives had right on their side, so they were not punished. The Diamond returned to Dinner Island via Teste Island, arriving there on the 17th December. After a stay of a week, the ship's head was pointed for Sydney and fine weather and generally been favourable; but while the season at Now Guines is spoken of by those who best know the island as exceptionally favourable; but while the season at Now Guines is spoken of by those who best know the island as exceptionally favourable; but while the season at Now Guines is spoken of by those who best know the island as exceptionally favourable; but while the season at Now Guines is spoken of by those who best know the island as exceptionally favourable; but while the season at Now Guines is spoken of by those who best know the island as exceptionally favourable; but while the season at Now Guines is spoken of by those who best know the island as exceptionally favourable; but while the season at Now Guines is spoken of by those who best know the island as exceptionally favourable; but while the season at Now Guines is spoken of by those who best know the island as exceptionally favourable; but while the season at the end of the fall of a such prevented during the long hours of night. About 8 o'clock de

Sir.—I see by your report of the proceedings of a deputation, consisting of Messrs. Cameron and Brewer, from the Hillston Homestead Leascholders' Association, introduced by our members, Messrs. R. B. Wilkinson and J. Cramsie, that they (the delegates) have fallen into an error in clause 5 of their complaints to the Minister for Lands. They say in that clause—"It was stated by the chairman of the Land Board at Hillston that roads would be left round every homestead lease." This is a mistake. What the chairman did say was—"That roads would be left round every homestead lease for access to purchase property that might be within the boundaries of that lease." I make this explanation as one who acted as agent for most of these homestead lease applicants, and who was in Court the whole of the time they were being inquired into, and in justice to our local chairman, whose sympathies and onergies are devoted to settling the people on the land in the most equitable manner to all parties concerned consistent with the law, and who, I am sure, is in no way responsible for the wary vazzatious delays that have occurred.

Hay, January 8.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

LAWRENCE JOCKEY CLUB.
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The Highland Society's celebration of the New Year wall not sufficient to satisfy the lovers of Scottish music; and a number of performers, at the direction of Mr. R. Millen, gave a second concert last evening in the Protestant Hall, which was very largely attended. Miss Jess'e Haymond contributed two recitations, one of them, "The Battle of the League, and King Henry of Navarre," had little to make it appropriate for a Scottish celebration, and Mr. A. Patterson danced the Highland fling to Mr. Hugh McDonald's piping, and Mr. Jamea Munto the Sailof'a hormpipe. Mr. Herman Newton joined Mr. J. Somers in selections for violin and piano; the Thistel Band of lifes, drums, and cymbals gave "The Minstrel Boy," and some Scotch sirs. The company sang "A Guid New Year" and "Auld Lang Syne," and in addition there were twelve year liveses, of which the majority were encored. Mr. Millen, in "The Braw Braw Laddieso' the Ninety-third;" "The March o' the Cameron Men; "The Wee German Lairdie," and "Rise, Jo k. Rise," a comic song, secured great applause, and repeated more than one number; and Mr. A. Edward, in "Hoist the Flag of Scotland" and "A Man's a Man for a' that," was equally fortunate. The accompaniate vidently knew the spirit of the audience, and before the vocalist could return played the introduction to "Scots Wha Hae," which "brought the house down." Miss Bowles and Mrs. Innes were both encored; the latter had a special accompaniment from the audience to "Whistle an' "Il come tae ye my lad." The drums and fifes are scarcely suitable for a room, and to those seated near were really objectionable. One member of the audience was so nosty that a disturbance seemed impending, but the troublesom person was induced to restrain himself, and for the remainder of the evening was quiet. The concert, financially, was a success.