

79. Hon. E. BLAKE: You mean, no part of the hatched block?—Yes; no part of the hatched block.

80. *Mr. Cooper.*] I want you to go into details of that block. There is that portion of the banks of No Town Creek—what do you say about that which is not hatched?—On that portion not hatched there are some men at work there. We have allowed for all their rights.

81. Is there any likelihood to be any future works on the portion you have hatched, on the portion between No Town Creek and Deadman's Creek?—I do not think so.

82. Hon. E. BLAKE.] I suppose it discharges into the Grey?—Yes.

83. *Mr. Cooper.*] You do not think there is payable gold in the lower part?—No, there is a bluff, and what is called the reef runs there—that is at the "o" in the word "No Town"—and runs down along the creek, but touches no payable wash. The wash has not been deposited there—the payable wash.

84. You do not think there is any probability of any payable gold being found in that portion below No Town Creek, below where there is the "o"—that is, where you spoke of this bluff on the No Town Creek?—I think not.

85. And between the portion you have suggested should be allowed for these men and Deadman's Creek?—No, I think it should not be reserved.

86. There are 1,450 acres altogether in that part of it?—About that.

86A. What is the character of that land?—It is timber land, terraces—timbered terraces.

87. And runs immediately adjacent to the line?—Yes.

88. In making your examination, please state what you found at Nelson Creek?—I found no workings along that portion of the railway-line until I came to Connor's Creek. In Connor's Creek we found a few men working.

89. Do you know how many?—Six men, I believe, but some of them have left since.

90. Hon. E. BLAKE.] You do not know that?—On this account I allowed this reservation in Connor's Creek, but I think all the unhatched portion should have been reserved. At Deadman's, there were workings on the upper portion there, but I did not see them. Some of the other party saw them.

91. *Mr. Cooper:* There is a reservation allowed there, but by your joint judgment—

Hon. E. BLAKE: He cannot speak of that.

*Witness:* But the lower portion of Deadman's—yes, that is allowed.

92. Did you touch on that part of Deadman's at all?—No, I did not; the workings were in the upper portions. Then you come to Red Jack's, McLaughlan's Creek: the main creek is near there.

93. At the line between Deadman's and Red Jack's Creek?—There were no men working between that creek and Deadman's Creek where you see it hatched.

94. Do you think it is ever likely to be worked?—No.

95. Can you give a reason for that?—The gold is deposited in the creeks above it, and these are the highest parts, and there are no payable deposits in them that I could see. It has not been worked.

96. Do you think they are likely to be? You are a geologist—is it likely to be discovered to be payable gold in that portion?—No; I do not think so.

Hon. E. BLAKE: I do not understand that he had much experience in geology.

97. *Mr. Cooper.*] Are you a geologist?—No; I do not consider myself one. I have not a degree.

Hon. E. BLAKE: His practical knowledge may be wide and extensive, and perhaps as useful, but I understood he did not claim anything more than a smattering of the knowledge.

98. *Mr. Cooper.*] Then, you do not think there ever will be any mining on that portion?—No.

99. That is the same character as the former portion spoken of?—Yes; the same character as the portion below O'Connor's Creek.

100. Then, the banks of Red Jack's Creek and Kangaroo Creek: do you think there should be some reservation there?—No.

101. These are freehold allotments, are they [indicating on plan]?—These are leasehold allotments. The land is in grass.

102. Hon. E. BLAKE.] Then, what we see—this line along Red Jack's, which is afterwards forked—is a suggested reserve made by you?—No, it is leasehold land in grass—in cultivation.

103. Between McLachlan's Creek and Red Jack's Creek, and along Kangaroo, are not what you suggest as reserves, but are already alienated?

104. *Mr. Cooper.*] They have been reserved by the Crown, and marked out for alienation years ago?—They are in grass now.

105. Hon. E. BLAKE.] You did not think they were payable?—No, I did not think they were payable. I do not think there is any payable gold down in the lower portion of that creek.

106. *Mr. Cooper.*] The principal portion is forked. You say the two branches—

107. Hon. E. BLAKE.] The principal portion is forked, and I understood his observation to apply to that. It is Kangaroo at the top?—One branch is Kangaroo and the other is Red Jack. We have allowed a reservation on both banks of that—on both creeks.

108. *Mr. Cooper.*] On the upper portion of that fork?—Yes.

109. Hon. E. BLAKE.] Little Windham Creek, is that a reservation?—Yes, there is a reservation there, although there is no one working there.

110. *Mr. Cooper.*] Do you know whether Windham Creek has been prospected?—Yes.

111. And opened?—And opened.

112. Hon. E. BLAKE.] Was it worked over, do you think—not merely prospected, but also worked?—They have never got any payable gold. But I do not know. There are no traces of payable gold that I could see.