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Since my previous visit in December 1960, some senior staff appointments had been made, and the new underground manager has laid down a progressive target for production and development. These target are well illustrated by plans and graphs, so that all staff members are now aware of what is required.

To date, the progress appears to have been quite good, and with the recent advent of underground connections the primary ventilation seemed to be very effective. With the ultimate completion of several stope drives now being advanced, the stope ventilation should be satisfactory.

In view of the improved conditions underground I made the following entry in the Record Book.

Colonial Mine.

I have inspected all current underground working places of the Colonial Mine.

Recent underground connections have resulted in a greatly improved primary ventilation circuit.

Provided that all 'blind' ~~workings~~ sections of all stopes are equipped with an effective compressed air line to enable each section to be blown out immediately after firing, it is permissible to revert to the 8.0. on commencement of day shift.

Afternoon shift is still to commence at 4.30 p. until a further ventilation examination had been carried out by officers of the Mines Department.

Colonial Mill.

My examination of the mill was made soon after a fairly lengthy shut-down due a power failure. Most sections appeared to be reasonably dust free. The exception being the primary crushers which are normally fairly good.

The problem of exhaust dust from the Roto-clones is to be given top priority.

Colonial Mine.

Drill steel, hones, and broken rock, must not be permitted to accumulate at the top of travelling ways.

All miners must retire to the allotted crib rooms for the entire crib period.

Miner [redacted] was apprehended whilst boring over broken dirt without having made a proper examination of the face; and he had deepened the butt portion of at least two previously fired holes. Reference will be listed for prosecution.

Inspector Hunt did not accompany me on the Wittenoom examination, but he will be at Wittenoom during the week commencing 14th. May, and he has been instructed to pay particular attention to the matter of miners being able to satisfy the language requirements."

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