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ROSEWOOD COAL. The residents of Rosewood and more particularly the business people of the township, will be interested in the application, by Halls Limited, (Glencoe Colliery) for permission to run a tramway along one of the roads to connect their colliery with the railway line. A considerable sum has been spent by the company in developmental work, and they are anxious to get direct railway communication with the pit in order that they may expand their business. For months they have been anxiously waiting for meeting of the Rosewood Shire Council to take place so that their application might be dealt with.

Hitherto they have been handicapped for facilities for want of facilities for transporting the coal to market. All fuel that has been disposed of has to be conveyed from the pit to the railway in horse-waggons, and then shovelled into trucks. This, of course, is expensive method of handling the coal. It has another disadvantage in that, as a result of so much shovelling, the coal breaks, and consequently depreciates in value. Despite the difficulties under which the company are working, the average output of late has been 1500 tons per month, and their wages sheet totals about £500 per month.

They confident that in the event of their getting direct railway communication with the mine, their output will soon be greatly increased. The district will then benefit from the fact that a larger sum would be paid in wages; there would be considerably more money in circulation in the township and district. It is estimated that the line will cost about £6000 to construct. Unless the company secure permission to build the line, it is highly probable they will close down the pit.

(This was approved.)