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MEMORANDUM

With reference to the Public Service Commissioner's memorandum of 12th March relative to Co-ordination of Mapping Services I have now discussed with Mr. Hughes the various matters enumerated.

1. To avoid possible duplication of effort the mapping branch should be enlarged, even at the expense of Departmental mapping staffs, to such an extent that all mapping could be carried out by that branch without delay.

It should be alienated from the Lands and Surveys Department and should be an independent Department.

2. It is considered advisable that a committee be set up to decide the order of priority. Such a committee should have 4 members with the Head of Branch a fifth member as Chairman.

This committee would advise relative to (2) a.b.c. and d.

As regards (2) c the Branch should have its own Surveyors or at least be assured that Surveyors will be readily available.

- (2) d The most suitable scale for mapping will we think vary with the Department's concerned.

If it is possible to produce them quicker than the full contoured maps, maps on a scale of 20 chains to 1 inch without contours would be of considerable assistance to field officers of this Department. Such a map produced by Mines Department Draftsmen for part of the Bathurst Quadrangle proved useful for mapping and was readily saleable to members of the General Public who were interested in hiking and bush walking.

The accompanying small scale map shows the areas where

1. Mapping has been completed and
 - (a) published by the Dept. of Lands and Surveys
 - (b) published by the Dept. of Mines
 - (c) published as l.m. maps by the army
2. Mapping is in Progress by the Lands and Surveys
3. Published Geological Maps by Dept. of Mines
4. Work is in progress by Dept. of Mines.

It is suggested that the Order of Priority for mapping which will assist this Department is

Devonport
Bathurst
Snow Hill
Burnie
Valentines Peak

Director of Mines, Hobt.

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It is possible that Mr. Jennings
would prefer a higher priority for Valentines Peak.

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