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A few days ago attention was drawn in these columns to the success attending the work of a party of men known as the Deep Shaft Syndicate, in tracing a diamondiferous lead towards a basalt capped hill in the Copeton diamond field. The interesting feature is that the opinion is held locally this basalt hill shows the outline of an extinct volcano, hence it is assumed that the lead in question has been fed from the extinct crater—in other words, that it is the source whence the diamonds came.

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