

McARDELL'S GAP.

Un-necessary Flooding of Land

The minor floods in the district rivers a few days ago again saw water flowing through McArdeLL's Gap into the Sale Common, giving it a watering that it did not want. This Gap is a cutting in the bank of

the Thomson River at the end of the Sale Canal, effected to launch a boat built at that locality over half a century ago, and it is approximately fifty feet wide, nevertheless a large quantity of water passes through which assists in throwing thousands of acres of morass land out of production for a large part of the year.

When the levee bank was erected at Lake Wellington the land owners asked the Heart Morass Drainage Trust to extend the good work already accomplished by the bank by closing McArdeLL's Gap at the Sale end of the area protected. This is what happened:

The Heart Morass Drainage Trust referred the matter to the Sale Town Council.

The Sale Town Council referred it to the Managers of the Sale Common.

The Managers of the Sale Common referred the matter to the Sale Town Engineer.

The Sale Town Engineer referred it to the District Engineer of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.

The Engineer of the S.R. and W.S. states it is a matter for the Engineer of the Rivers and Streams Branch.

OF THE RIVERS AND STREAMS BRANCH.

The Engineer of the Rivers and Streams Branch we find on inquiry has never heard of the subject.

And this is where you think of the number you first thought of. The Sale Town Engineer has resigned and is going out of the district.

All that is asked by the land holders is that the Gap be filled to river bank level. Mr Short, the engineer who did good work in connection with the levee bank and flood gates for drainage along the river, agrees that the work should be done.

Still, it is something to have got so far in eight years!