

By L. R. Reese, "Minnie Downs," via Marree, S.A.

Writing under date of 26th May, 1927, to the Secretary, he advised:—"The drought still continues, and we have had only 13 points of rain for the year up to date. I see Mr. Neil McGilp is getting into hot water for killing a few Galahs (*Kakatoe roseicapilla*) and Bare-eyed Cockatoos (*K. sanguinea*), but as it's only from people who don't know what they are writing about it ought not to worry' him much. He got 50,000. Will you kindly tell him if he sends me a decent knife I'll get 500,000 and send him the scalps. I thought my place was the only one in Australia with these brutes on it!! I don't know what has happened, but during the last three months they have disappeared in hundreds of thousands, for which I thank Heaven. They don't only pollute the water, but they eat the wooden platforms on the windmills. Once I had an old-fashioned mill with the fans made of wood, and they completely destroyed it. Other birds are very scarce just now, and they are not likely to return till we get some rain. A few days ago

a site was pegged out on "Miranda" Station for an oil-well by a Company formed in Brisbane. If they don't get oil, I hope they find water."

