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Meldon Glassworks.

They managed to employ 200 people in that short space of time, including glass blowers from the continent who came over to bring their skills to the industry, and they had already constructed two, I think, 120 ton production kilns in addition to the experimental kilns, so it got to quite a good size fairly quickly, but their eventual plan was to make it the centre of the national glass trade and they were going to have, I think, ten of these 120 ton kilns, so it would have been producing an awful lot of glass had it succeeded, but they failed in getting sufficient capital together to develop the process. Sadly though, the granulite quarry or the aplite quarry continued right up until 1971 I think, still producing the mineral but it was largely used for road stone, for aggregate, but apparently a very good material which could be used for enamelling and abrasives and stoneware, as well as glass - so it was potentially a very good mineral, but it was just used in a fairly mundane fashion in the end.