

CAMBUSLANG EXPLOSION

Caused by Molten Slag Falling into Pool of Water

THE noise of an explosion heard over a wide area in Lanarkshire and Glasgow last night gave rise to rumours of a serious accident in a Lanarkshire steelworks. There was an explosion, but it had quite a prosaic explanation.

Molten slag was being run on to the bing at Messrs Colville's Clydebridge Steelworks, Cambuslang, and the load apparently contained a solid ball of slag. This rolled down the side of the bing and into a pool of water at the foot, causing a violent explosion. So loud was the report that it was heard in many parts of the county and in the east end of Glasgow. The vibration shook windows and crockery in many houses.

The first reports to be received in the Glasgow office of *The Scotsman* last night suggested that there had been an earth tremor in the area, while another explanation was the falling in of a disused pit. Within a few minutes of the occurrence numerous telephone calls were made to police offices in the district from people who feared that a serious accident had taken place.