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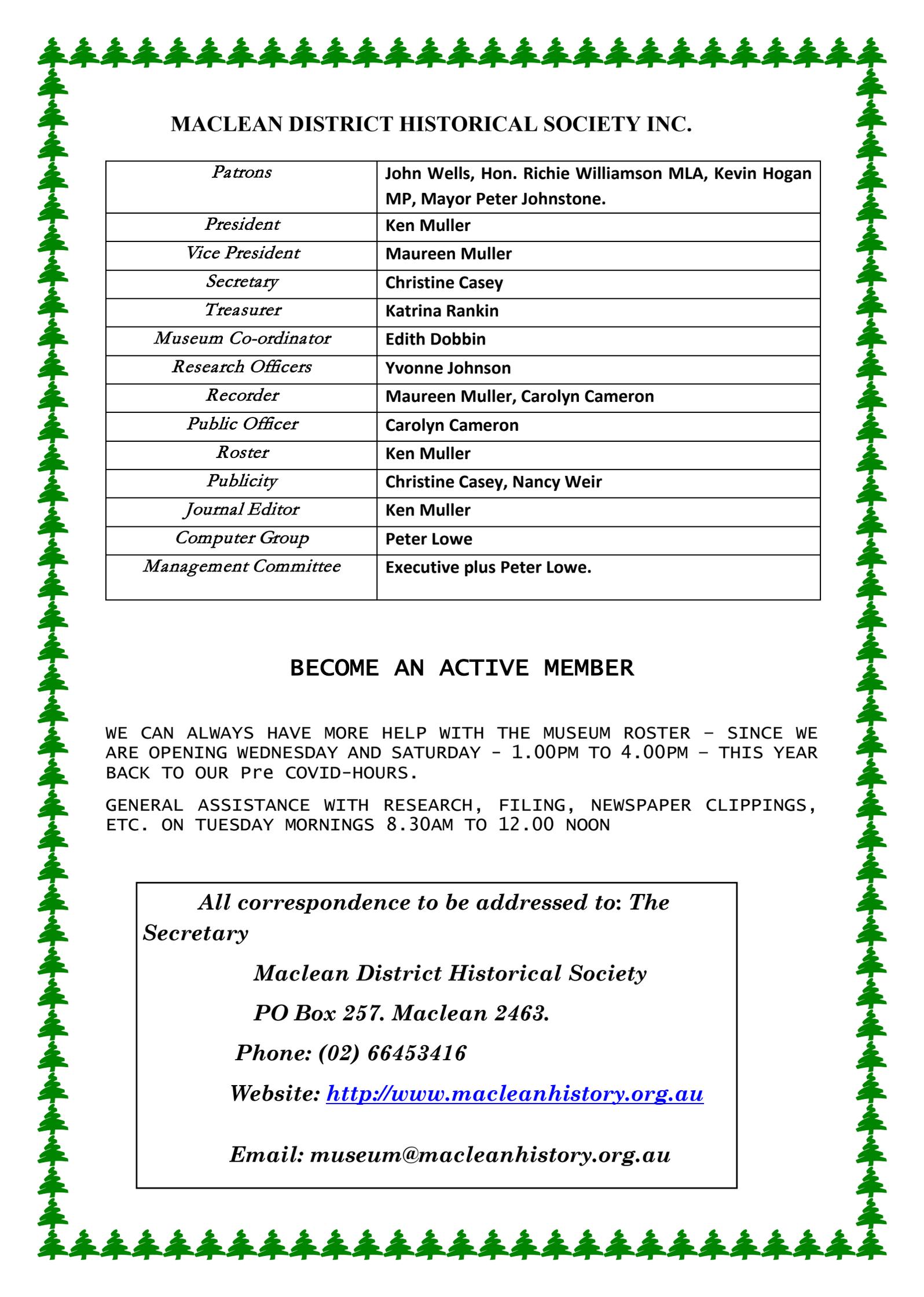
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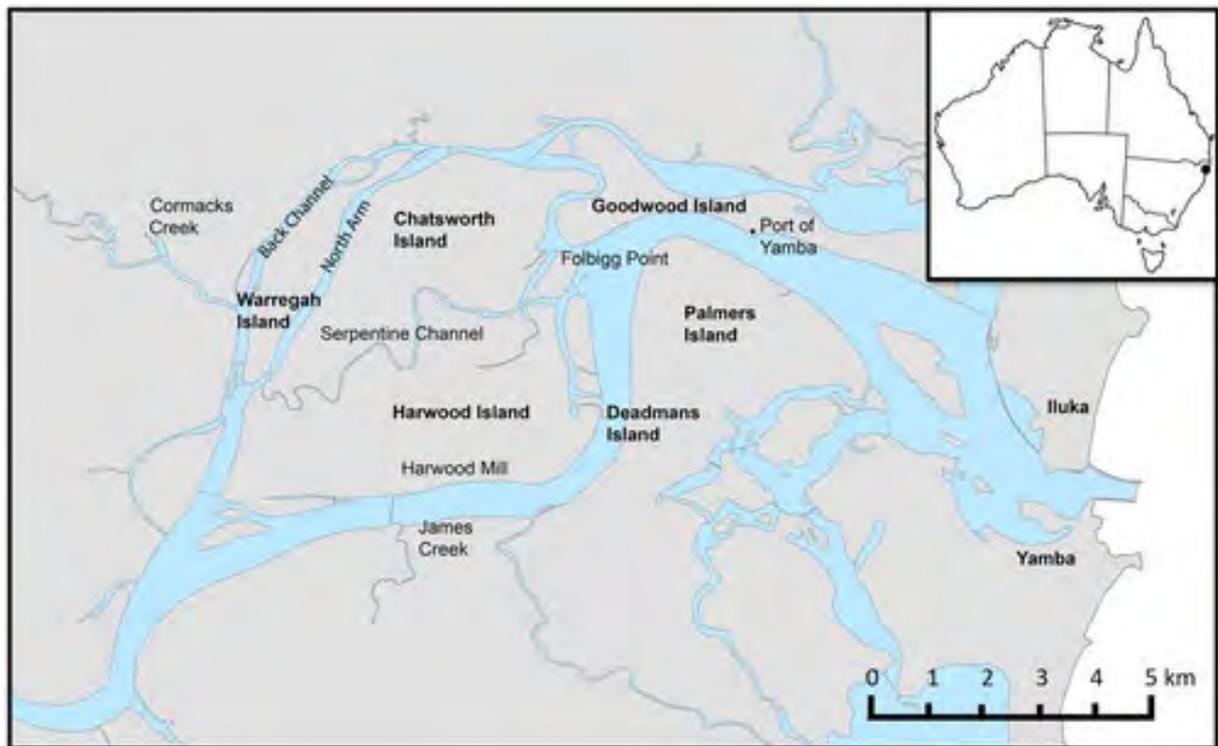


MURRAYVILLE. A SETTLEMENT ON THE CLARENCE.

(Compiled by Trish Bowes with much appreciated help from local identities.)

Murrayville was certainly a thriving metropolis and one where the history should not be lost.

THE settlement known as Murrayville derived its name from the firm of contractors who founded it, namely Mr John Alexander Sinclair (J.A.S.) Murray and Mr William Murray. It was originally called W. Murray and Co. due to the connection of their father William Murray (Senior) who originally sent his sons to the Clarence in the late 1880s.



Murrayville was situated on an arm of Mangrove Creek, about six miles from Maclean and about five from Chatsworth. Mangrove Creek is to the left of the words “Warregah Island”; Martin’s Point is at the bottom left of Harwood Island; next to Caralamo and Ulgundahi Islands. Please note that Cormacks Creek is also spelt Cormicks Creek.

The advent of William Murray & Co. to the district dated back to about 1888 when John and William Murray, came to the Clarence to carry out a large contract to supply piles and girders for the Melbourne Harbour

Trust, for their father's company William Murray & Co. "At that time, they had several vessels employed in the timber trade, but their cargoes were collected from all parts of the river between Copmanhurst and the Heads". *The Richmond River Express and Casino Kyogle Advertiser* 21 June 1912.

Subsequently a market for sawn timber was secured in Sydney, New Zealand, and the Clarence, which necessitated the erection of a sawmill plant and in 1892 a mill was erected on the Woodburn Road. In 1893-4 the plant was transferred to Mangrove Creek, near Back Channel, and it became the nucleus of the settlement called Murrayville. Until 1897, Murrayville was mainly only accessible from Maclean by water except for a little-known track between the two places. In 1896 work started on constructing the bridge and approaches at Shoal Creek and the road was improved. (*Clarence and Richmond Examiner* 30 March 1895) However, even in 1899 the residents were making a representation to Mr McFarlane asking that money be made available annually as they continued to maintain the road themselves. *Clarence and Richmond Examiner* 19 August 1899.



Photo 1: An old photo of Murrayville, showing the Mill and the ship, the "Lynton". (B.J. Anderson)

The peculiar feature about Murrayville was that it was totally a private settlement as every resident was connected in some capacity or other with the firm whose name it bears. Furthermore, the progress made in one year was amazing. As far as the requirements of the population are concerned, it is entirely independent of any other centre in the district, having its own general store, butchery, bakery, blacksmith's shop, State school, School of Arts, and telephone office; and with the addition of a church and hotel, it would have all the institutions usually found in our country villages. *Clarence and Richmond Examiner 17 August 1895.*



Photo 2: A photo of the mill and some of the buildings. Building with the verandah was the home of John and William Murray.

At the rear of the mill the village stands on a gradual slope. The first building is the residence of the principals: and then those of the employees, (approximately 100, with their families) stand in rows on either side of what might be termed the business part of the settlement. "In fact, everything indicates that the comfort of the employees has not been overlooked in any way by the proprietors of the settlement." (*Clarence and Richmond Examiner 17 August 1895*). There was a receiving office where two mails a week were delivered. The buildings occupied by the employees were "scattered in every direction ... and the men only came in contact with each other at their meals or while engaged at work". *Clarence and Richmond Examiner 11 September 1897.*

Indeed, a cook was employed, for the single men, by the Murrays as the (*Clarence and Richmond Examiner (11 June 1910)* reported the death of Norman McDonald who was over 80 years of age. “The deceased was for many years employed by Messrs. Murray and Co. at Murrayville, where he acted in the capacity of cook.” I would say he was employed from when the mill started, in 1892, but it still would have made him about 62. There is also reference made to Mr. Frederick Hattersley, who at the age of 14 years, was apprenticed to Charles Page (father of Sir Earle Page) as a blacksmith. “On the completion of his apprenticeship he was with the late Harry Oakes, after which he was blacksmith to the timber firm of Murray and Co., at Murrayville and ... He went with them in 1905 to Rappville.” *Northern Star 18 December 1941.*

“The store contains a stock of drapery, boots and shoes, groceries, ironmongery, saddlery, and trades not only with the Murrayvilleites, but with the settlers of the surrounding district. For the butcher shop the whole of the slaughtering is done within the bounds of the settlement, in an up-to-date slaughter house. The blacksmith's shop is a large structure, and judging by the number of wheels, maimed jinkers, etc., standing round, the services of a regular smith must be indispensable”. *Clarence and Richmond Examiner 17 August 1895.*



Photo 3. Jim Wiblen and daughter Ethel. Notice the felled tree in front of their home.

The telephone office was attached to the store, with the wires being connected with the Chatsworth office. A school was also established school here, which had an average attendance of about twenty-four. "The School of Arts, which is erected a short distance from the residence, was built by public subscription, the Messrs. Murray supplying the timber free of charge, and since its erection they have taken a very deep interest in its welfare. The hall is 28 x 14, with two dressing rooms, and is furnished with the necessary forms and tables, lamp and heating stove. A file of the leading journals, also cards, draughts, and other games are kept for the benefit of members, of whom there are about 40, and the privileges cost them threepence per week." *Clarence and Richmond Examiner 17 August 1895.*

There was also a Murrayville Band that was begun in 1898 by Harry Priest, who worked at the mill. Amongst the members were F. Munro, R. Pringle, T. McMahon, M. McPherson and Mr Wilson was the secretary. Each man in the band bought his own instrument, while the employees paid 2d. towards the support of the band which played for two years. When the Murrays opened a mill in Lawrence the band moved there still under the conductorship of Harry Priest. *Daily Examiner 16 December 1932.*

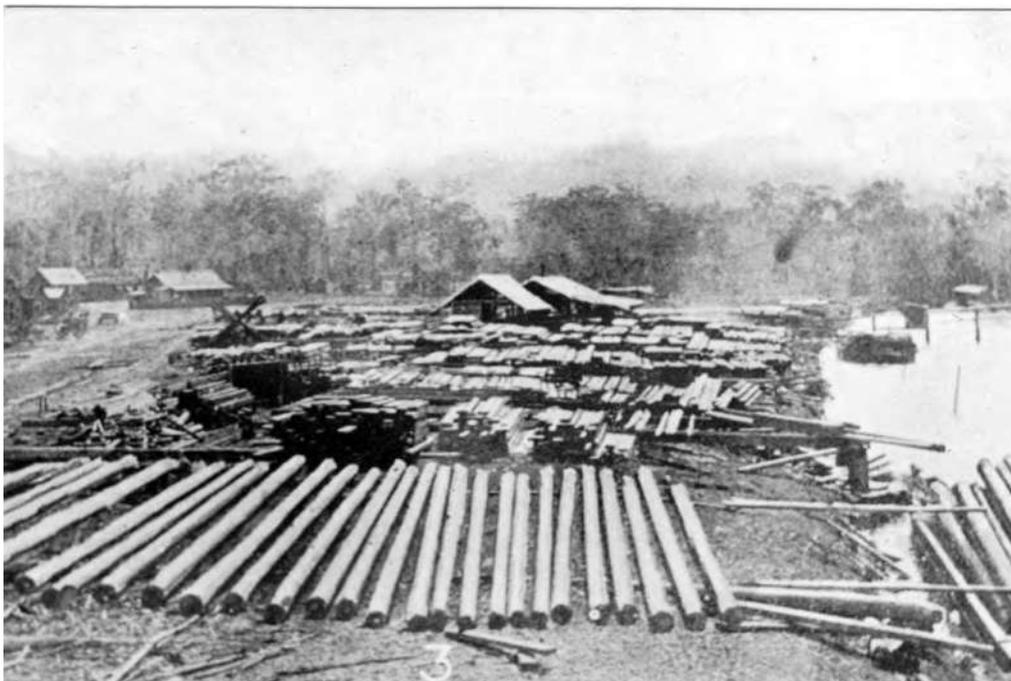
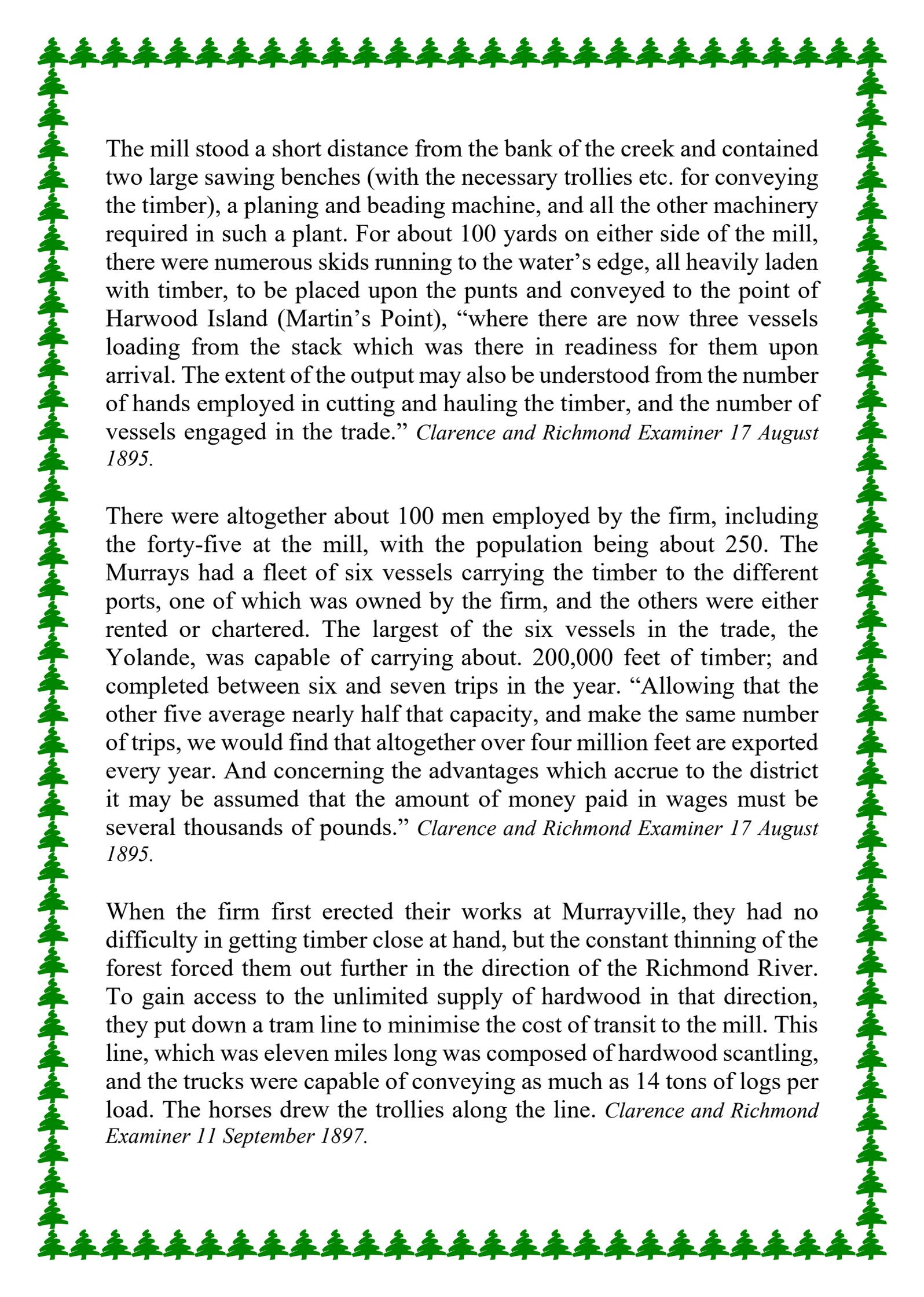


Photo 4: Shows the amount of timber cut at the Murrayville Sawmills.



The mill stood a short distance from the bank of the creek and contained two large sawing benches (with the necessary trollies etc. for conveying the timber), a planing and beading machine, and all the other machinery required in such a plant. For about 100 yards on either side of the mill, there were numerous skids running to the water's edge, all heavily laden with timber, to be placed upon the punts and conveyed to the point of Harwood Island (Martin's Point), "where there are now three vessels loading from the stack which was there in readiness for them upon arrival. The extent of the output may also be understood from the number of hands employed in cutting and hauling the timber, and the number of vessels engaged in the trade." *Clarence and Richmond Examiner 17 August 1895.*

There were altogether about 100 men employed by the firm, including the forty-five at the mill, with the population being about 250. The Murrays had a fleet of six vessels carrying the timber to the different ports, one of which was owned by the firm, and the others were either rented or chartered. The largest of the six vessels in the trade, the Yolande, was capable of carrying about. 200,000 feet of timber; and completed between six and seven trips in the year. "Allowing that the other five average nearly half that capacity, and make the same number of trips, we would find that altogether over four million feet are exported every year. And concerning the advantages which accrue to the district it may be assumed that the amount of money paid in wages must be several thousands of pounds." *Clarence and Richmond Examiner 17 August 1895.*

When the firm first erected their works at Murrayville, they had no difficulty in getting timber close at hand, but the constant thinning of the forest forced them out further in the direction of the Richmond River. To gain access to the unlimited supply of hardwood in that direction, they put down a tram line to minimise the cost of transit to the mill. This line, which was eleven miles long was composed of hardwood scantling, and the trucks were capable of conveying as much as 14 tons of logs per load. The horses drew the trollies along the line. *Clarence and Richmond Examiner 11 September 1897.*



Photo 5: The eleven-mile Wooden Tramway at Murrayville

“The logs are conveyed to the mill, and the line being lower than the platform upon which the logs are dumped there is no difficulty in placing the rough timber close to the works. Here the logs were hand-sawn in suitable lengths, after which the champion choppers, Curran and Wallace, squared them on one side.” After this process, the timber passed through the various stages, and was blacked in the yard, and from there to the punts, which were conveyed, by the “Lynton”, to the schooners moored at Martin's Point. The works were capable of putting through as much as 100,000 feet of logs in seven days. *Clarence and Richmond Examiner 11 September 1897.*

In order that there be sure foothold in all weathers for the horses, the line was constantly ballasted with sawdust, spread by a truck constructed specially for the purpose, with a perforated bottom, so that as it travelled, it continually dropped its contents. The creek in front of the mill was bridged by a substantial wooden bridge, sufficiently high to allow the loaded punts to pass under. This was built for the purpose of carrying the sawdust across to the opposite side of the creek, where all that was not used was burned. *Clarence and Richmond Examiner 17 August 1895.*

Does anyone know what happened to William Murray after his brother died in 1912?

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW: 1915 - 1954), Tuesday 6 November 1923, page 2

MEMORIAL TO OLD PIONEERS

HISTORIC SHARK CREEK CEREMONY.

FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL WIRELESS INSTALLED.

History was made at Shark Creek on Saturday afternoon last when the first memorial to be erected in this State to the memory of the early settlers was unveiled in the presence of a large and representative gathering. The memorial, which is the work of and was erected by the schoolchildren of Shark Creek, bears the names 44 of those settlers who made a home on the Lower Clarence in the fifties.

A wireless receiving set the first of its kind in any of the schools of our State, was also installed. The Shark Creek School, which has but a small attendance, can boast of the most up-to-date educational facilities, and under the guidance of an energetic headmaster in Mr. J. B. Walsh should go on to increased prosperity.

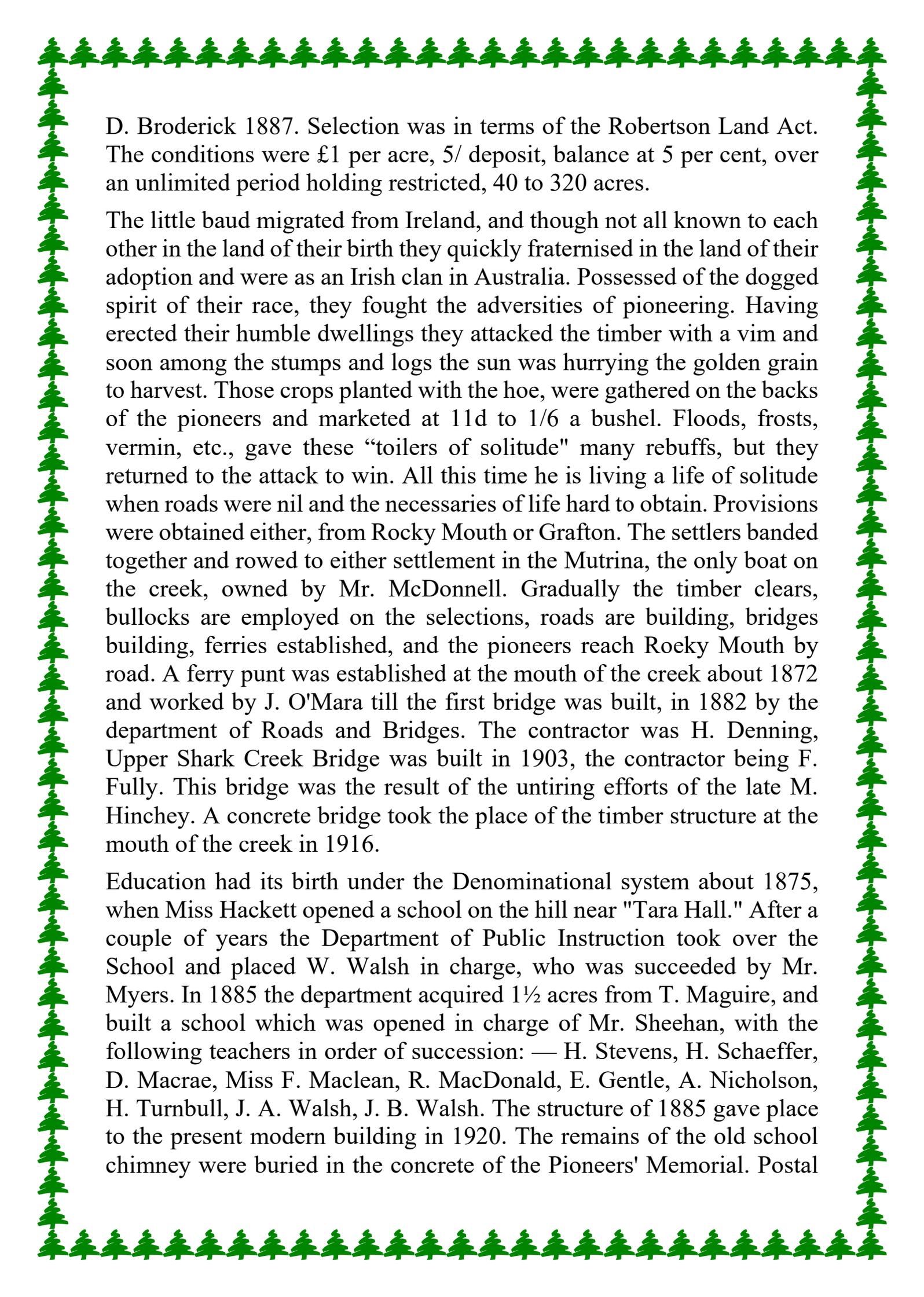
HISTORY OF SHARK CREEK.

The following ancient history of Shark Creek was compiled by the local Parents and Citizens' Association and was issued in souvenir form.

It is generally admitted that the Clarence was discovered by Richard Craig in 1834, but in the absence of records the discovery of her anabranches, as we know them in geography, is somewhat obscure.

“Shark Creek, whose aboriginal name was ‘Deeregun’, is no exception. Within the shadows of Mt. Wohimore, Shark Creek moved slowly with the tide for some years after Craig's discovery till the white man disturbed its solitude. There are evidences that the Smalls, who settled in Tyndale, had been about the upper reaches of the stream, but no attempt was made at settlement till 1864.

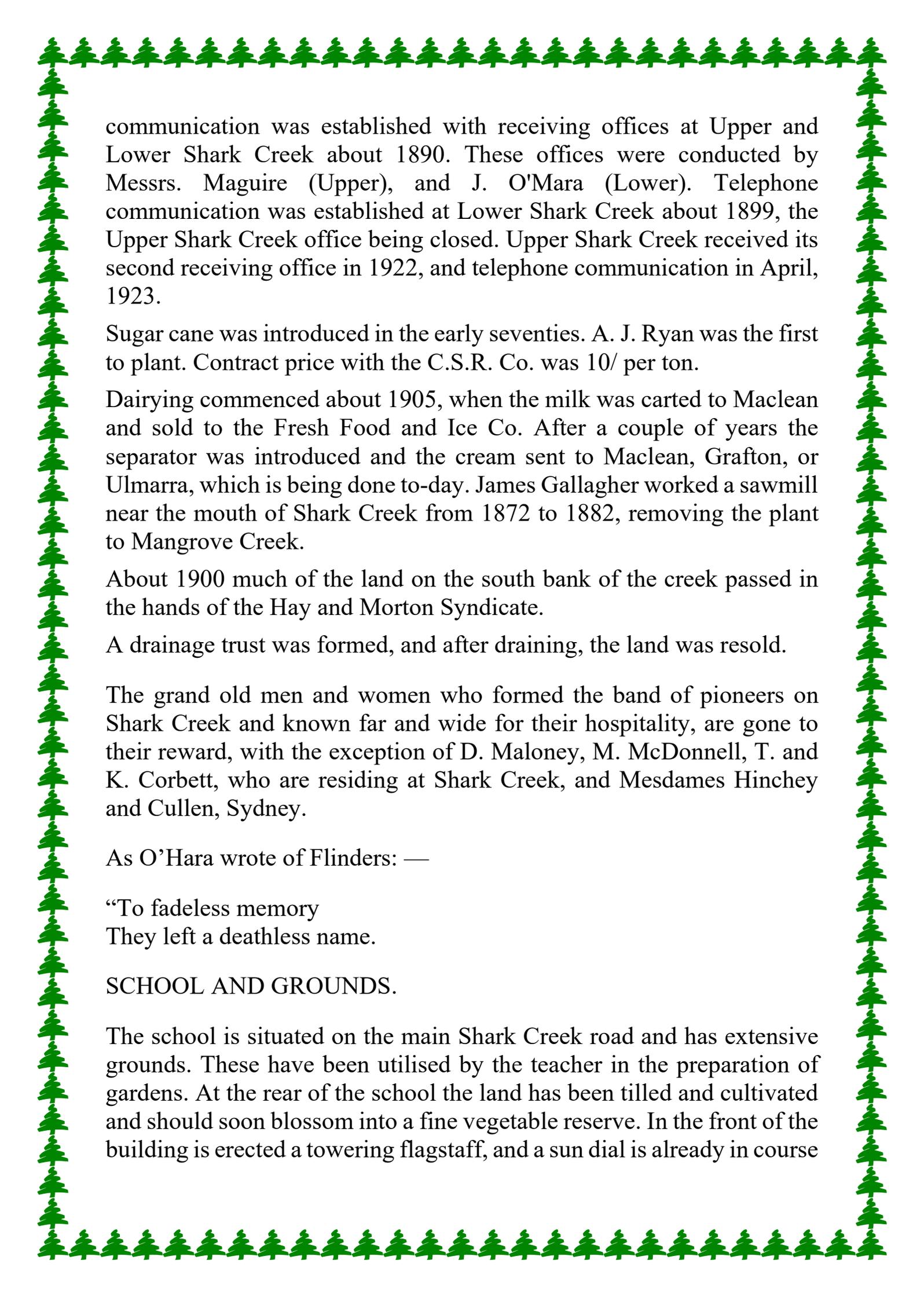
“W. Perkins selected in 1864, M. McDonnell 1865, O. Maloney, T. Loughman, B. Connolly, J. Connolly, J. Loughman, E. Bloomer 1868, J. O 'Mara, J. Mitchell 1867, J. Ryan 1868, P. Fennessey, W. Johnson, T. Maguire, J. Leddy 1869, H. Cullen 1871, T. Corbett, M. Hinchy 1877,



D. Broderick 1887. Selection was in terms of the Robertson Land Act. The conditions were £1 per acre, 5/ deposit, balance at 5 per cent, over an unlimited period holding restricted, 40 to 320 acres.

The little baud migrated from Ireland, and though not all known to each other in the land of their birth they quickly fraternised in the land of their adoption and were as an Irish clan in Australia. Possessed of the dogged spirit of their race, they fought the adversities of pioneering. Having erected their humble dwellings they attacked the timber with a vim and soon among the stumps and logs the sun was hurrying the golden grain to harvest. Those crops planted with the hoe, were gathered on the backs of the pioneers and marketed at 11d to 1/6 a bushel. Floods, frosts, vermin, etc., gave these "toilers of solitude" many rebuffs, but they returned to the attack to win. All this time he is living a life of solitude when roads were nil and the necessaries of life hard to obtain. Provisions were obtained either, from Rocky Mouth or Grafton. The settlers banded together and rowed to either settlement in the Mutrina, the only boat on the creek, owned by Mr. McDonnell. Gradually the timber clears, bullocks are employed on the selections, roads are building, bridges building, ferries established, and the pioneers reach Roeky Mouth by road. A ferry punt was established at the mouth of the creek about 1872 and worked by J. O'Mara till the first bridge was built, in 1882 by the department of Roads and Bridges. The contractor was H. Denning, Upper Shark Creek Bridge was built in 1903, the contractor being F. Fully. This bridge was the result of the untiring efforts of the late M. Hinchey. A concrete bridge took the place of the timber structure at the mouth of the creek in 1916.

Education had its birth under the Denominational system about 1875, when Miss Hackett opened a school on the hill near "Tara Hall." After a couple of years the Department of Public Instruction took over the School and placed W. Walsh in charge, who was succeeded by Mr. Myers. In 1885 the department acquired 1½ acres from T. Maguire, and built a school which was opened in charge of Mr. Sheehan, with the following teachers in order of succession: — H. Stevens, H. Schaeffer, D. Macrae, Miss F. Maclean, R. MacDonald, E. Gentle, A. Nicholson, H. Turnbull, J. A. Walsh, J. B. Walsh. The structure of 1885 gave place to the present modern building in 1920. The remains of the old school chimney were buried in the concrete of the Pioneers' Memorial. Postal



communication was established with receiving offices at Upper and Lower Shark Creek about 1890. These offices were conducted by Messrs. Maguire (Upper), and J. O'Mara (Lower). Telephone communication was established at Lower Shark Creek about 1899, the Upper Shark Creek office being closed. Upper Shark Creek received its second receiving office in 1922, and telephone communication in April, 1923.

Sugar cane was introduced in the early seventies. A. J. Ryan was the first to plant. Contract price with the C.S.R. Co. was 10/ per ton.

Dairying commenced about 1905, when the milk was carted to Maclean and sold to the Fresh Food and Ice Co. After a couple of years the separator was introduced and the cream sent to Maclean, Grafton, or Ulmarra, which is being done to-day. James Gallagher worked a sawmill near the mouth of Shark Creek from 1872 to 1882, removing the plant to Mangrove Creek.

About 1900 much of the land on the south bank of the creek passed in the hands of the Hay and Morton Syndicate.

A drainage trust was formed, and after draining, the land was resold.

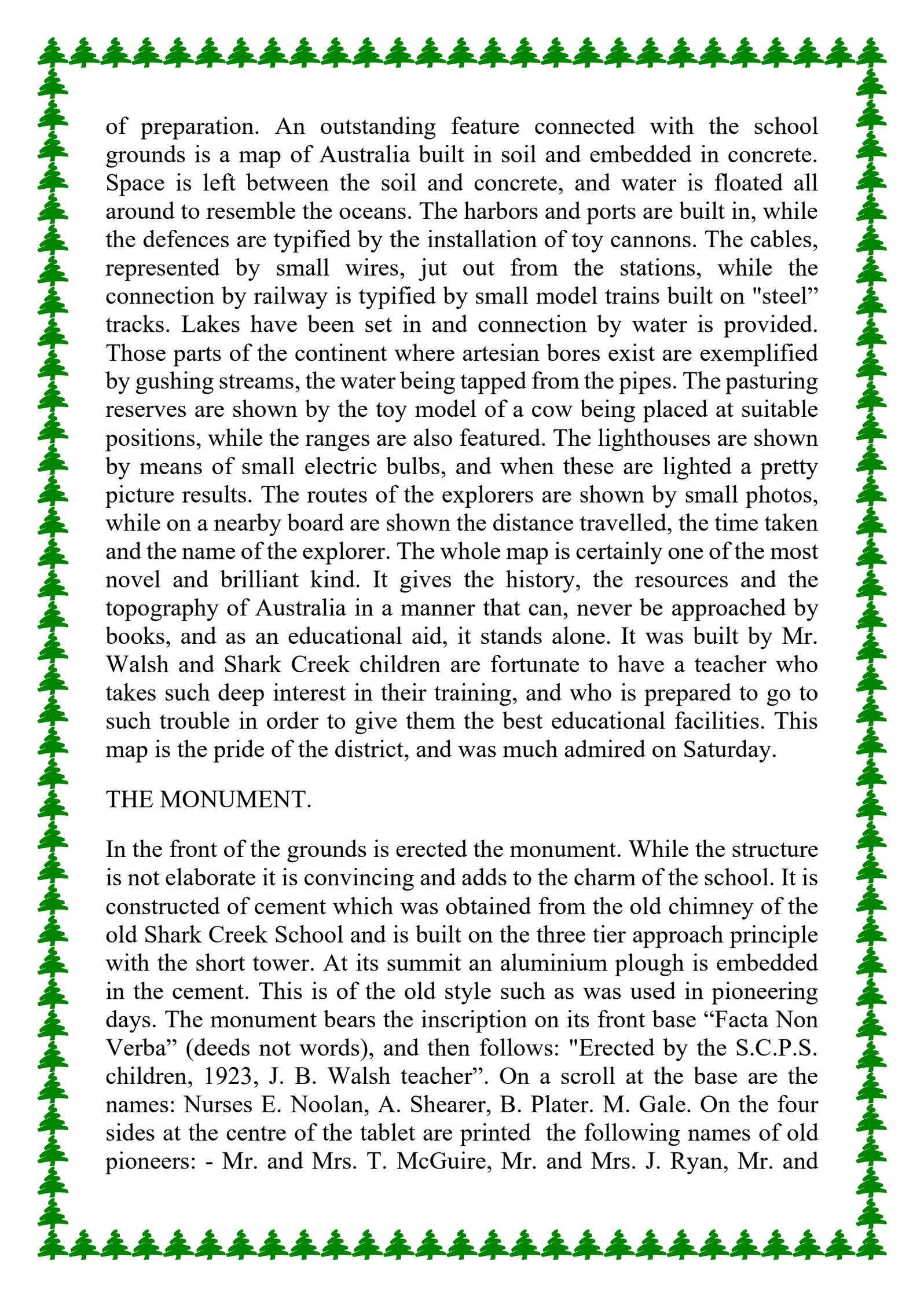
The grand old men and women who formed the band of pioneers on Shark Creek and known far and wide for their hospitality, are gone to their reward, with the exception of D. Maloney, M. McDonnell, T. and K. Corbett, who are residing at Shark Creek, and Mesdames Hinchey and Cullen, Sydney.

As O'Hara wrote of Flinders: —

“To fadeless memory
They left a deathless name.

SCHOOL AND GROUNDS.

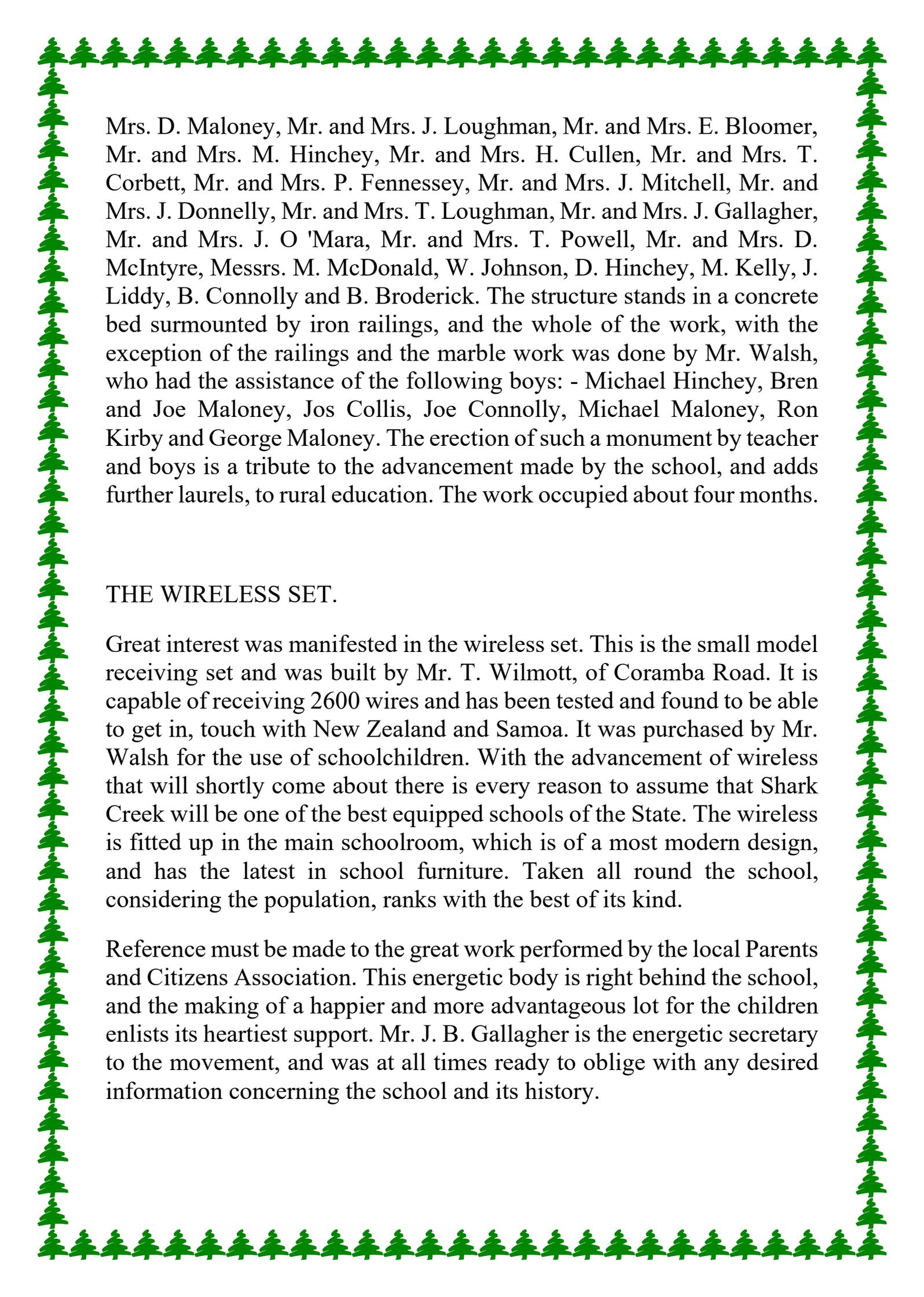
The school is situated on the main Shark Creek road and has extensive grounds. These have been utilised by the teacher in the preparation of gardens. At the rear of the school the land has been tilled and cultivated and should soon blossom into a fine vegetable reserve. In the front of the building is erected a towering flagstaff, and a sun dial is already in course



of preparation. An outstanding feature connected with the school grounds is a map of Australia built in soil and embedded in concrete. Space is left between the soil and concrete, and water is floated all around to resemble the oceans. The harbors and ports are built in, while the defences are typified by the installation of toy cannons. The cables, represented by small wires, jut out from the stations, while the connection by railway is typified by small model trains built on "steel" tracks. Lakes have been set in and connection by water is provided. Those parts of the continent where artesian bores exist are exemplified by gushing streams, the water being tapped from the pipes. The pasturing reserves are shown by the toy model of a cow being placed at suitable positions, while the ranges are also featured. The lighthouses are shown by means of small electric bulbs, and when these are lighted a pretty picture results. The routes of the explorers are shown by small photos, while on a nearby board are shown the distance travelled, the time taken and the name of the explorer. The whole map is certainly one of the most novel and brilliant kind. It gives the history, the resources and the topography of Australia in a manner that can, never be approached by books, and as an educational aid, it stands alone. It was built by Mr. Walsh and Shark Creek children are fortunate to have a teacher who takes such deep interest in their training, and who is prepared to go to such trouble in order to give them the best educational facilities. This map is the pride of the district, and was much admired on Saturday.

THE MONUMENT.

In the front of the grounds is erected the monument. While the structure is not elaborate it is convincing and adds to the charm of the school. It is constructed of cement which was obtained from the old chimney of the old Shark Creek School and is built on the three tier approach principle with the short tower. At its summit an aluminium plough is embedded in the cement. This is of the old style such as was used in pioneering days. The monument bears the inscription on its front base "Facta Non Verba" (deeds not words), and then follows: "Erected by the S.C.P.S. children, 1923, J. B. Walsh teacher". On a scroll at the base are the names: Nurses E. Noolan, A. Shearer, B. Plater. M. Gale. On the four sides at the centre of the tablet are printed the following names of old pioneers: - Mr. and Mrs. T. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ryan, Mr. and

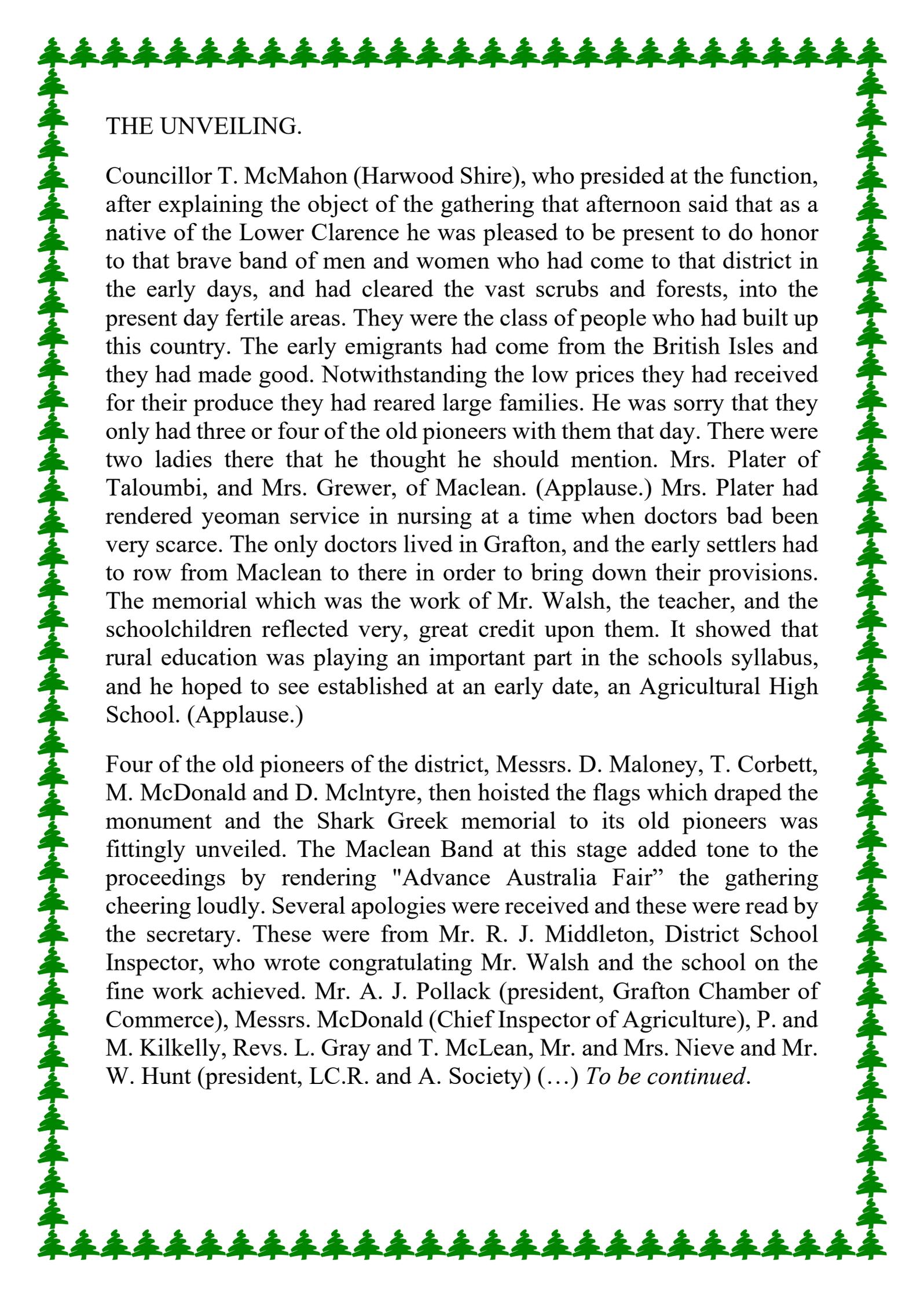


Mrs. D. Maloney, Mr. and Mrs. J. Loughman, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bloomer, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hinchey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cullen, Mr. and Mrs. T. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. P. Fennessey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. T. Loughman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. J. O 'Mara, Mr. and Mrs. T. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. D. McIntyre, Messrs. M. McDonald, W. Johnson, D. Hinchey, M. Kelly, J. Liddy, B. Connolly and B. Broderick. The structure stands in a concrete bed surmounted by iron railings, and the whole of the work, with the exception of the railings and the marble work was done by Mr. Walsh, who had the assistance of the following boys: - Michael Hinchey, Bren and Joe Maloney, Jos Collis, Joe Connolly, Michael Maloney, Ron Kirby and George Maloney. The erection of such a monument by teacher and boys is a tribute to the advancement made by the school, and adds further laurels, to rural education. The work occupied about four months.

THE WIRELESS SET.

Great interest was manifested in the wireless set. This is the small model receiving set and was built by Mr. T. Wilmott, of Coramba Road. It is capable of receiving 2600 wires and has been tested and found to be able to get in, touch with New Zealand and Samoa. It was purchased by Mr. Walsh for the use of schoolchildren. With the advancement of wireless that will shortly come about there is every reason to assume that Shark Creek will be one of the best equipped schools of the State. The wireless is fitted up in the main schoolroom, which is of a most modern design, and has the latest in school furniture. Taken all round the school, considering the population, ranks with the best of its kind.

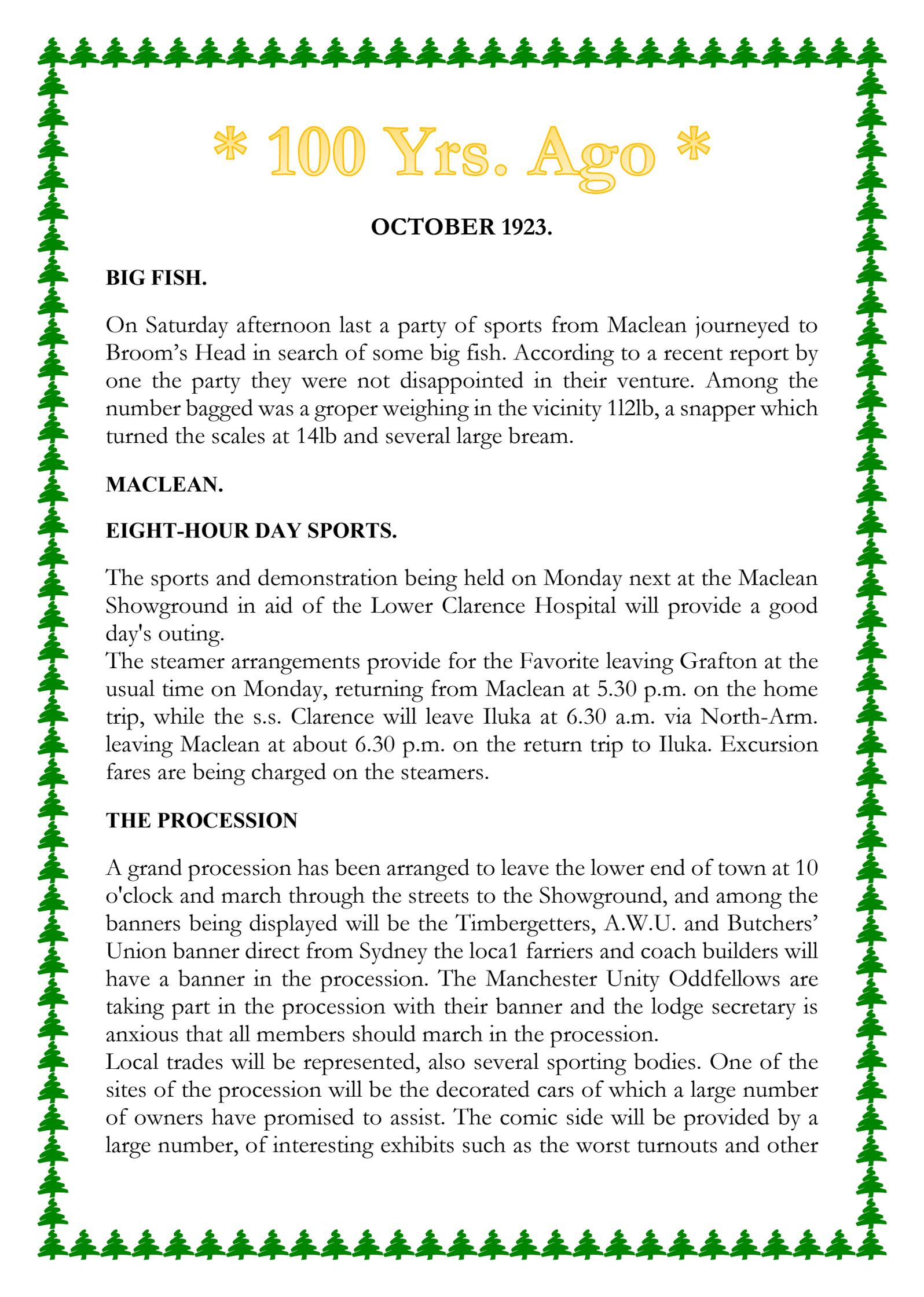
Reference must be made to the great work performed by the local Parents and Citizens Association. This energetic body is right behind the school, and the making of a happier and more advantageous lot for the children enlists its heartiest support. Mr. J. B. Gallagher is the energetic secretary to the movement, and was at all times ready to oblige with any desired information concerning the school and its history.



THE UNVEILING.

Councillor T. McMahon (Harwood Shire), who presided at the function, after explaining the object of the gathering that afternoon said that as a native of the Lower Clarence he was pleased to be present to do honor to that brave band of men and women who had come to that district in the early days, and had cleared the vast scrubs and forests, into the present day fertile areas. They were the class of people who had built up this country. The early emigrants had come from the British Isles and they had made good. Notwithstanding the low prices they had received for their produce they had reared large families. He was sorry that they only had three or four of the old pioneers with them that day. There were two ladies there that he thought he should mention. Mrs. Plater of Taloumbi, and Mrs. Grewer, of Maclean. (Applause.) Mrs. Plater had rendered yeoman service in nursing at a time when doctors had been very scarce. The only doctors lived in Grafton, and the early settlers had to row from Maclean to there in order to bring down their provisions. The memorial which was the work of Mr. Walsh, the teacher, and the schoolchildren reflected very, great credit upon them. It showed that rural education was playing an important part in the schools syllabus, and he hoped to see established at an early date, an Agricultural High School. (Applause.)

Four of the old pioneers of the district, Messrs. D. Maloney, T. Corbett, M. McDonald and D. McIntyre, then hoisted the flags which draped the monument and the Shark Creek memorial to its old pioneers was fittingly unveiled. The Maclean Band at this stage added tone to the proceedings by rendering "Advance Australia Fair" the gathering cheering loudly. Several apologies were received and these were read by the secretary. These were from Mr. R. J. Middleton, District School Inspector, who wrote congratulating Mr. Walsh and the school on the fine work achieved. Mr. A. J. Pollack (president, Grafton Chamber of Commerce), Messrs. McDonald (Chief Inspector of Agriculture), P. and M. Kilkelly, Revs. L. Gray and T. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Nieve and Mr. W. Hunt (president, LC.R. and A. Society) (...) *To be continued.*



* 100 Yrs. Ago *

OCTOBER 1923.

BIG FISH.

On Saturday afternoon last a party of sports from Maclean journeyed to Broom's Head in search of some big fish. According to a recent report by one the party they were not disappointed in their venture. Among the number bagged was a groper weighing in the vicinity 112lb, a snapper which turned the scales at 14lb and several large bream.

MACLEAN.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY SPORTS.

The sports and demonstration being held on Monday next at the Maclean Showground in aid of the Lower Clarence Hospital will provide a good day's outing.

The steamer arrangements provide for the Favorite leaving Grafton at the usual time on Monday, returning from Maclean at 5.30 p.m. on the home trip, while the s.s. Clarence will leave Iluka at 6.30 a.m. via North-Arm. leaving Maclean at about 6.30 p.m. on the return trip to Iluka. Excursion fares are being charged on the steamers.

THE PROCESSION

A grand procession has been arranged to leave the lower end of town at 10 o'clock and march through the streets to the Showground, and among the banners being displayed will be the Timbergetters, A.W.U. and Butchers' Union banner direct from Sydney the local farriers and coach builders will have a banner in the procession. The Manchester Unity Oddfellows are taking part in the procession with their banner and the lodge secretary is anxious that all members should march in the procession.

Local trades will be represented, also several sporting bodies. One of the sites of the procession will be the decorated cars of which a large number of owners have promised to assist. The comic side will be provided by a large number, of interesting exhibits such as the worst turnouts and other

comic spectacular eights. The local Bicycle Club will also take part in the procession that will be headed by the Maclean District Band and the Maclean Pipe Band.

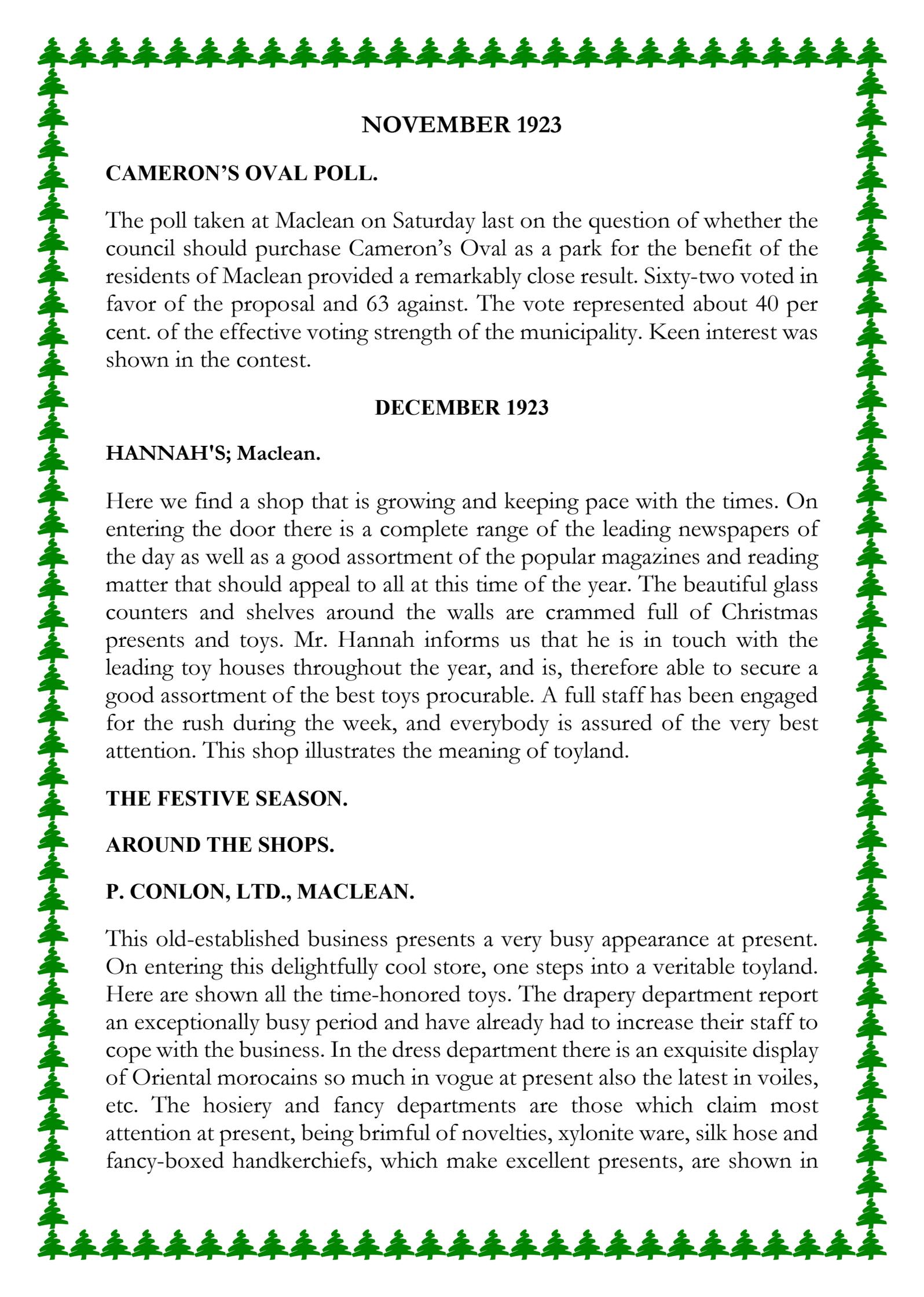
For the sports good entries are being received and already close to 100 entries have been received for the pedestrian events. The woodchopping, and saw events have brought good entries, and also the equestrian events, while record entries have been received for the cycling events that necessitate the addition of an additional event. The children are being catered for in the offering of prizes for different events and during the day will be treated to a lolly scramble. The pupils attending the Maclean School will give an exhibition of maypole dancing and other events during the day. The rights of the hotel booth have been sold Mr. W. H. Heavener, while a willing band of ladies dispense fruit soft drinks, ice cream and refreshment during the day.

Messrs. George Gunn and J. J. Fitzgerald M.L.A. will be present at the sports and during their stay in the district will address political meetings at South Grafton on Saturday 20th, Iluka on Sunday and Maclean on Monday. Arrangements have been made with Mr. George Filewood of the Picture Poji who will run a benefit picture show in aid of the hospital at night in the Caledonian Hall, while a jazz dance will be held in the Mechanics Institute.

GRAFTON-MACLEAN MAIL SERVICE

The Postmaster-General has informed Dr. Earle Page that during the recent visit of the Chief Postal Inspector to Grafton, Ulmarra and Maclean, representations were made to him in favor of improved mail facilities for residents on the Clarence River below Grafton. Inquiry is now being made, the letter adds, as to the practicability of arranging for a bi-weekly mail service by motor vehicle from South Grafton to Maclean, which, in conjunction with the existing river service, would give residents of the places mentioned a daily service with Sydney. I will communicate with you again as soon as a decision in the matter is arrived at.





NOVEMBER 1923

CAMERON'S OVAL POLL.

The poll taken at Maclean on Saturday last on the question of whether the council should purchase Cameron's Oval as a park for the benefit of the residents of Maclean provided a remarkably close result. Sixty-two voted in favor of the proposal and 63 against. The vote represented about 40 per cent. of the effective voting strength of the municipality. Keen interest was shown in the contest.

DECEMBER 1923

HANNAH'S; Maclean.

Here we find a shop that is growing and keeping pace with the times. On entering the door there is a complete range of the leading newspapers of the day as well as a good assortment of the popular magazines and reading matter that should appeal to all at this time of the year. The beautiful glass counters and shelves around the walls are crammed full of Christmas presents and toys. Mr. Hannah informs us that he is in touch with the leading toy houses throughout the year, and is, therefore able to secure a good assortment of the best toys procurable. A full staff has been engaged for the rush during the week, and everybody is assured of the very best attention. This shop illustrates the meaning of toyland.

THE FESTIVE SEASON.

AROUND THE SHOPS.

P. CONLON, LTD., MACLEAN.

This old-established business presents a very busy appearance at present. On entering this delightfully cool store, one steps into a veritable toyland. Here are shown all the time-honored toys. The drapery department report an exceptionally busy period and have already had to increase their staff to cope with the business. In the dress department there is an exquisite display of Oriental morocains so much in vogue at present also the latest in voiles, etc. The hosiery and fancy departments are those which claim most attention at present, being brimful of novelties, xylonite ware, silk hose and fancy-boxed handkerchiefs, which make excellent presents, are shown in

great variety. The men's department caters well for their wants, silk knitted ties, golf shirts, sports shirts, and the very latest in hats being shown in great profusion.

A special feature is the upstairs showroom, where there is on view an excellent assortment of ladies' dresses and the last thing in millinery. Here also there is shown an excellent range of hats suitable for beach wear.

This business recently installed an up-to-date electric lighting plant which lights up the whole store, as well as the back stores and produce sheds. Country customers are well catered for, goods being delivered by an express motor service.

MACLEAN

Christmas Eve was celebrated in Maclean with the usual excitement. The rain would appear to have put new life into the huge crowd that assembled in the streets on Monday night.

Christmas Day was very quiet, further rains fell during the afternoon. The majority of the citizens went to the seaside to spend the holidays. After the shops closed on Christmas Eve the Maclean Brass Band dispersed appropriate music in various centres of the town, which was much enjoyed by all within hearing.



RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

Email us with details of what you already have plus what you would like, and we will endeavour to help. Research fees are \$25 per family, postage extra. If it is a large body of research, we may ask for a little more.

1. John Campbell McAulay and John Donald McCauley (request from Kaylee Betteridge who has the family tree), these names not in our records.
2. Email request for information read any connection of Dale Mercy with the Plater family.
3. John & Susan Bathgate & family (visitor) and viewing family photo.
4. George Murray & family (email reply sent but undeliverable)
5. Number of a house at Oyster Channel owned by Clair Williams (d. 1971) and was it still there.
6. Monument of Prosper Coulon and related family information.
7. Research completed re Donald McGilvray, early selector of Woodford Island (1867) and later at Harwood (farmer).
8. Bernard Eglington & family of South Arm, Woodford Island, plus a request to view Bathgate family photo.
9. George Child, of Illarwill, and any of Child family, including Benjamin Child & family of Mountain View, Lavender Davis, Mary A. Child & family, and Eggins connection to Child family.
10. John & Margaret McAulay & family, Chatsworth Island, including Alexander & Janet McAulay of Harwood Island.
11. John Joseph Mitchell & Mary (Wood) of Shark Creek.
12. From CVC Community Projects Officer (Aboriginal) for any records of First Nations/Aboriginal people buried in or near Maclean or on any Yaegl lands on the Lower Clarence.





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Our Society meets on the third Tuesday of every month in our meeting room at the Museum at 9.30 am.

