

The Colony and its People in 1888

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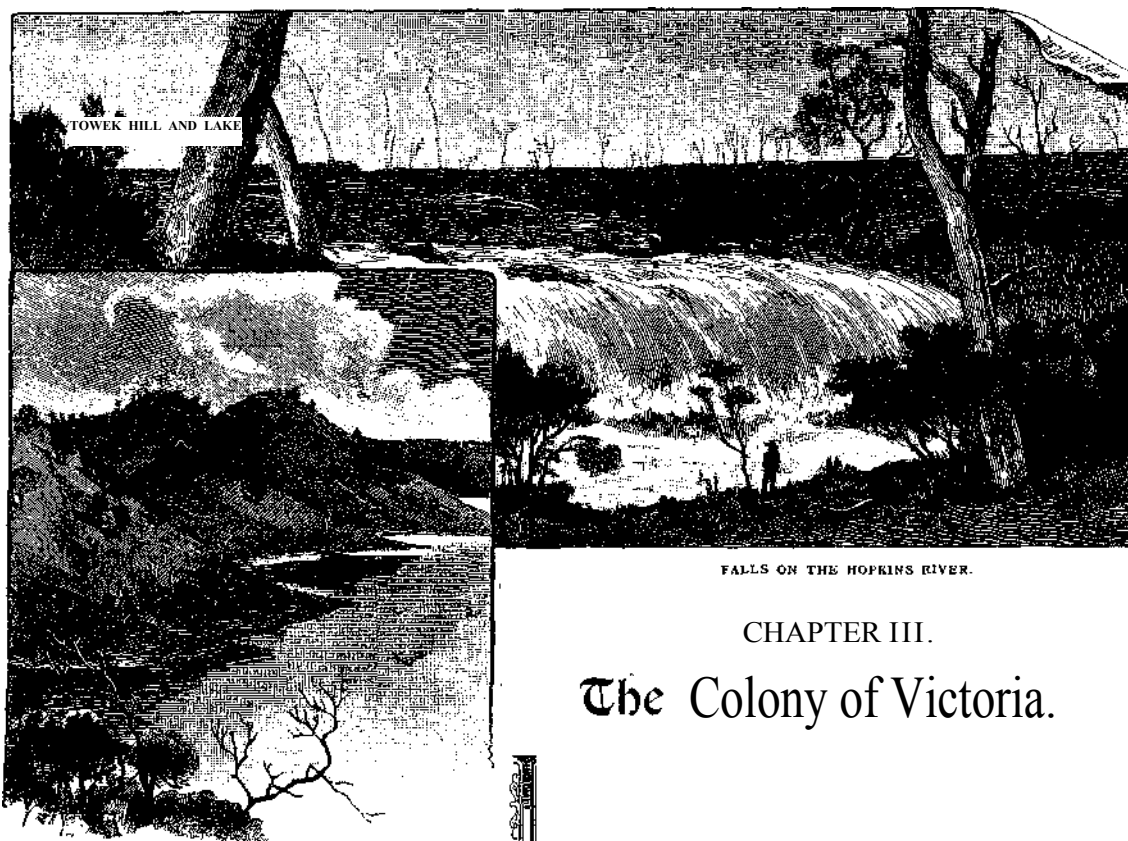
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CHAPTER III.

The Colony of Victoria.

IN the description of the several districts of Victoria to which Chapters III. to XXI. inclusive of the present volume are devoted, a somewhat arbitrary plan has been followed, in which neither the political division into electoral districts, the municipal division

into shires, &c., nor the division into counties has been regarded—the compiler's purpose being to embrace within each division the leading economic characteristic for which it is noted, whether agriculture, sheep farming, cattle grazing, mining, or industry. The preceding map, on which the divisions are indicated by colours, will assist the reader in the comprehension of our classification.

The Western District, 1.

The present chapter deals with that portion of the colony forming the seaboard of what is popularly known as the Western District, and of which the important towns of Warrnambool, Belfast—or, as it is now called, Port Fairy—and Portland form the centres, and extends over a considerable tract of country lying in the extreme south-west corner of the colony. The extent of this territory may be estimated at little less than 100 miles from east to west, and thirty-five miles from north to south, having an area of 3500 square miles, or 2,240,00 acres, of which, although much is taken up in swamp, forest, scrub, and other waste land, still a very considerable portion consists of the best agricultural land in the colony, if not in the whole of Australia, being rich, fat, black, or friable chocolate soil, enhanced in its productive quality by the disintegrated volcanic rock emanating in by-gone ages from the numerous points of eruption scattered over the district, and fed by a network of never-failing springs, creeks, and rivers. The division is bounded by a line commencing at Flaxman's Head or Bluff, on the coast, near Curdie's River, striking the Hopkins River at Framlingham, and continuing northward along that river to Hexham, then turning off in a nearly straight line westward to Lindsay, on the boundary line of South Australia, and thence southerly along that line to the sea near Nelson.

The whole of this important part of the colony, with the exception of the waste stretches before referred to as being taken up by swamp, forest, and scrub, is more or less thickly populated, settlement having gone on for several years at a surprising rate, and agricultural pursuits of all descriptions being carried on with avidity. There are, no doubt, considerable tracts of country at present taken up for pastoral purposes, but as settlement continues to press westward, as it inevitably will, the shepherd's hut must

eventually give way to the farmer's holding, the shepherd's crook to the farmer's plough. The country, being of such an extent, of course varies as to the geological formation, and the soil in quality; but, speaking generally, the former may be said to consist of volcanic basalt on miocene tertiary, and in the south, of the latter overlaid with various kinds of surface drift. The soil again is in many places of the very richest description, while in others it is poor, sandy, stony, and barren.

The eastern part, or that lying, say, between the Hopkins River near Warrnambool and Belfast, consists of a generally carefully-tilled country, unrivalled in Australia in natural fertility, and supporting a large body of industrious and well-to-do farmers, who are employed in raising cereal and root crops as well as other kinds of farm produce. In nearly the whole of this part of the district the land has been able to produce ample crops of potatoes and other roots, grain, &c., without manure, for the last twenty or thirty years. Much enterprise has been shown in the drainage, and the land reclaimed cannot be surpassed for its grass or crop-producing powers. Draining is still going on, and although much yet remains to be done, there is promise of the best results following the judicious application of capital and energy. The western portion of the district is more generally devoted to pastoral pursuits, and in many parts with every element of success, as some of the land can hardly be excelled in the world for richness of grass or quantity and quality of stock turned out. Throughout the district the land rises very gradually from the sea, and presents no great elevation, except occasional sandy or limestone rises, with long and sinuous rough volcanic ridges.

In addition to the agricultural and pastoral interests, many other industries are represented. Cheese farming and bacon curing are largely carried on about the Hopkins River, and tanneries, flour mills, breweries, aerated water factories, boot and shoe factories, coach builders' and wheelwrights' shops, and other industries are to be found in every part. The commerce of the district is very extensive, and many merchants and storekeepers are their own shippers in and out, to and from the three ports—Warrnambool, Belfast, and Portland. A fleet of fine powerful steamers is kept continually running between Melbourne and those ports for the conveyance of cargo and passengers, and the overland trade is by no means inconsiderable.

To this part of the colony belongs the honour of being that first permanently settled. So early as 1827, Wishart, the master of a small cutter, was driven, by stress of weather, into a bay, which he named Port Fairy after his vessel, and it is on this bay that the town of Belfast was afterwards built, the entire district being originally known as Port Fairy. But the first settlement was at Portland Bay, where Mitchell in 1836, after leading his adventurous band from Sydney through the unknown territory of the Darling and the Murray, and across the country which he so significantly called Australia Felix, and after passing the Glenelg River and through the beautiful vale of the Wannonij to his intense astonishment came upon a settlement of white men, the Henty's, at Portland Bay (see Portland). The communication in this district is, with the exception of the railway from Portland to the northward, carried on at present only by means of coach and dray traffic, and by the steam vessels plying from one port to another, but railways have been authorised in various directions, and it is not too much to say that ere long the entire country will be traversed by a network of lines which will simplify travelling, and add to the material welfare and advancement of the colony.

Dealing with the district in detail, it is proposed to commence at the eastern end, at Warrnambool in fact, and after going through that division, to treat that round Belfast, and then that round Portland.



VIEWS IN WARRNAMBOOL.

Warrnambool, 38°25' S. lat, 142°30' E. long., is a municipal town and seaport, having a post and money order office, savings bank, and telegraph station, in the county Villiers, and electoral district of Warrnambool. It lies on the Warrnambool or Lady Bay, 163 miles south-west of Melbourne, being built on the slope of a hill rising from the sea; The main portion of the town lies, however, in a hollow, with a hill behind it. Warrnambool was proclaimed a borough in 1863, and a town in January, 1883. It has an area of 3540 acres, and a population of 5250 persons, the number of ratepayers being 856, and the annual value of rateable property, £32,251. The town is divided into four wards, known respectively as the Hopkins, Albert, Victoria, and Merri wards, each of which is represented in the council by three members. The Warrnambool electoral district comprises the divisions of Allansford, Wangoom, and Warrnambool, its present member in the Legislative Assembly being Mr. J. Murray. The port of Warrnambool, the nearest to Melbourne on the western seaboard, is lighted by a fixed white light, and a fixed red leading light, and also a green light marking the end of the jetty. It was long a grievance felt by the residents and by those connected with the shipping of the port and the commercial interests of the town and district, that greater facilities were required than the harbour possessed, and visitors were frequently at a loss to account for the neglect from which it suffered. The fact was, that for a long time the port was the victim of differences in engineering opinion, and when these were in a fair way of being overcome, political dissension supervened, the improvement of the harbour became a party question, and a change of Government led to the discontinuance of the breakwater contract. In 1867, when the shipping trade of Warrnambool was not half what it is at present, great dissatisfaction was felt at the primitive mode of shipping and unshipping cargo, then in use, and Mr. Moriarty, C.E., of New South Wales, was commissioned to report on the best means of harbour improvement. His attention was directed to two projects, one the opening of the Merri River, which debouches into Lady Bay at Warrnambool, and the other the construction of a breakwater for the protection of the harbour. He disapproved of both, objecting to the first on the ground of the liability of the mouth of the river to silt up, and to the second because of the expense and of the absence of suitable stone in the locality, and recommended that commodious jetties on cast-iron piles should be constructed, and strong moorings be laid down to which vessels could be made fast; and to some extent, so far as extending and strengthening the jetty went, those suggestions were acted on; but the result still was that all cargo had to be taken down to the jetty by tramway and transhipped by lighters, a source of ever-growing dissatisfaction. In 1870 Captain Stanley completed a survey of the bay, which showed that the difficulty in the way of constructing a breakwater was not so great as had been represented, and he submitted to the borough council a plan of a curved breakwater, sheltering a small but perfectly safe harbour. The plan was however objected to, because of the danger of silting up the bay. Various other plans were suggested from time to time, and a mass of skilled evidence taken on the subject; but beyond a number of concrete blocks being placed as pierres perdues at the bottom of the sea, where they now lie undisturbed and clothed with seaweed, nothing was done until 1878, when Sir John Coode visited the harbour and reported on it in 1879. The works

proposed by him were of a most substantial character, and were of the plan of a breakwater and wharf combined, with an approach from the shore. The total length of the structure was named at 1800 feet, built solidly of concrete blocks, and the cost was estimated at £280,000, or a less sum if the breakwater were not carried out to the full length. His report on the subject was masterly and thoroughly exhaustive, and the scheme proposed was universally admitted to be a magnificent one; but the question raised was whether it was not unnecessarily substantial and costly, and a suggestion was made to Sir John Coode that a portion of the plan, say a length of 600 feet, should be carried out; his reply being that at least 900 feet must be constructed to be of any service. By omitting some portion of the works the cost, as estimated, was reduced to a little less than half the original amount, and the Government was induced to give its sanction to the commencement of the work, a portion of which is now being proceeded with. The residents of Warrnambool and the neighbouring district are sanguine of the good effects that will ensue, and the wonderful impetus that will be given to trade by the combined breakwater and pier. The present jetty is 860 feet in length, and is lighted, as are the streets of the town, with which it is connected by a tramway, by gas.

Communication between Warrnambool and Melbourne is maintained by steamer, leaving the Queen's wharf about four times per week, or by railway to Terang, and coach thence. By leaving Melbourne by steamer at 5 p.m., the visitor arrives in Warrnambool early the following morning; or, if the overland journey be preferred, and the early train taken, Warrnambool is reached the same day, and the magnificent scenery between Geelong and Warrnambool, including the picturesque lake and mountain country round Colac, Camperdown, and Terang, seen by daylight. There are branches of six banks and of a number of insurance companies in the town. The churches comprise Episcopalian (Christ Church), Roman Catholic (St. Joseph's), Presbyterian (St. John's), and Wesleyan, Plymouth Brethren, Congregational, Disciples of Christ, and Baptist chapels. There are two state schools, Nos. 1743 and 1902, the former being built for 1000 scholars, and having an average attendance of 769. There are also several ladies' schools, a boys' college, a grammar school, and a Roman Catholic school attached to the Convent of Mercy. The Mechanics' Institute in Liebig-street is a good freestone building with a spacious reading room, and a library of 2500 volumes. The Museum, lately built, is also used as a school of design. There is an Oddfellows' Hall capable of holding 500, and an orderly room which will accommodate 800 persons. Other buildings and institutions in Warrnambool are the hospital and benevolent asylum, the ladies' benevolent association, the Villiers and Heytesbury Agricultural Society, amateur turf and racing clubs, two coursing clubs, a hurling club, dramatic club, Volunteer Corps of Artillery, Warrnambool club, anglers' and boating clubs, masonic and friendly societies, etc. The racecourse is a good one, pleasantly situated, and meetings are held there twice a year. The places of public resort are the Reserve, the Botanic Gardens on the Woodford-road, and the Friendly Societies' Park. Warrnambool has twenty-four hotels and a coffee palace. There is a daily newspaper, the *Warrnambool Standard*. Saltwater baths belonging to the local council are established in the town on the margin of Lake Pertobe, the water being pumped from the sea into an oval basin 100 feet by 50 feet. The town and immediate neighbourhood contain three flour mills, a steam biscuit factory, two breweries, three tanneries, two boot factories, three aerated water manufactories, and other industries. The country is undulating, having excellent soil over sandstone and limestone, and agricultural pursuits are carried on extensively in all parts of the district, cereals and potatoes (of which 32,000 tons were shipped in one season) being largely grown, and a large export trade in wool, wheat, hides, fowls, butter, eggs, bacon, tallow, leather, ale, sheep, and cheese being carried on. The bacon curing factories on the Hopkins near Allansford, and the cheese factory at Tooram, are celebrated all over the country for their produce. The Hopkins River, a fine expansive stream which flows within a mile of the town, furnishes excellent stretches and "bits" of beautiful scenery to the eye and pencil of the artist, fine sport to the angler, and ample scope to boating and picnic parties, and is freely used by visitors, especially during the summer. The furthest point that can be reached by boats is Tooram, six miles up the stream, where the tidal influence ceases. The Merri River is a smaller stream entering the sea a short distance from the landing pier, and it also affords some fair fishing. Both streams have bar mouths. The population of Warrnambool numbers above 5000 persons, or over 8000 within the shire. Railways are authorised from Terang to Warrnambool, and also from Warrnambool to connect with the Portland and Ararat railway near Dunkeld, passing through Koroit, near which place is the celebrated Tower Hill and lake (see our illustration, and description in Port Fairy division).

Socially, as well as commercially, the town of Warrnambool occupies an important position, inasmuch as in and around it reside representatives of many of the oldest settlers in the colony, and persons, not only of mere wealth, but also of high standing in the community.

Appended will be found short biographical sketches of many of the prominent residents of the town

and its immediate neighbourhood.

Archibald and Bateman, Warrnambool. This firm consists of Mr. J. A. Archibald and Mr. W. H. Bateman, auctioneers and stock, station, and insurance agents. These gentlemen are both natives of Victoria (Mr. Bateman of Warrnambool), and both had extensive experience before establishing themselves in this branch of business in 1880. They are the local representatives of the Australian Mutual Provident Insurance Society of Melbourne.

Ardlie, William, Warrnambool, is a native of the colony, born at Moonee Ponds, near Melbourne, and educated at the latter place. He was articled in Warrnambool to Mr. George Barberr one of the earliest solicitors in the colony, passed his examinations in Melbourne, and in 1867 formed a partnership with Mr. Barber, under the style of Barber and Ardlie. In 1878 the senior partner retired from the business, which Mr. Ardlie has carried on since in his own name, transacting the general business of a solicitor and conveyancer.

Atchison, John, Warrnambool, born in the county Derry, Ireland, landed at Melbourne, on 3rd February, 1842, by the Robert Benn. He remained there until 1st October, 1843, when he removed to Port Fairy (Belfast) and fifteen months afterwards returned to the metropolis, where, for about a year, he was engaged managing a soap works. He then went back to the Western District, where he took a farm on the Rutledge Survey, and cultivated it for sixteen years. He next took a farm near Koroit, and worked it for twenty-three years until 1885, when he let it for a period, and, retiring from active life, took up his residence at Fair View, his present place of abode.

Block Brothers, Warrnambool, are natives of Ararat, Victoria, who learned their trade of watchmakers and jewellers in Melbourne, and opened business in the same line in Hamilton in 1882. In 1887 they purchased the stock of Wilson Brothers at their present locality in Warrnambool, and, having added largely to it, are now among the most extensive traders in the Western District in watches, clocks, jewellery, &c.

Browne, John, Warrnambool, is a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, who landed at Portland, Victoria, at Christmas, 1854, and went thence to Belfast by the first steamer, remaining in that place and Koroit about twelve years. He followed the building trade and built a hotel, which he kept for some time, when, retiring from business, he purchased his present property at Spring Gardens, near Warrnambool, about 1868, and settled down there.

Browne, John, junior, Warrnambool, was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, and after ten years' residence in London, where he followed the trade of cabinetmaker, he came to this colony in 1854, landing at Belfast. Mr. Browne has been almost everything, and has travelled over the greater part of Victoria and New Zealand. He purchased his present place, Pencoed, overlooking the Warrnambool racecourse, eight years ago.

Burall, R. D., Warrnambool, is a native of Wales, who came out to Australia in 1853, and spent considerable time on the diggings at Ballarat, Talbot, Clunes, Dunolly, &c. He built gasworks in Talbot in 1859, and went thence to Warrnambool, where, in 1877, he took charge as manager of the gasworks, which position he still occupies. The Warrnambool gas works were built by a private company in 1874, and taken over by the corporation in 1881. Six men are employed, and about 900 tons of coal per annum used, about ten million feet of gas being produced therefrom.

Carter, Samuel, Warrnambool, is a native of Yorkshire, England. He commenced business as a saddler and harnessmaker in Nottinghamshire, England, and came out to Victoria in 1865, proceeding at once to Warrnambool, where he engaged in the same business, and has ever since done an increasing and satisfactory trade. In 1885 he built his present handsome premises in Fairy-street. Mr. Carter's is one of the oldest established places of business in the same line in the town.

Coghlan, William, Warrnambool, is a native of the colony, born at Belfast, his father having arrived in Australia in 1838. He landed at Sydney, but shortly afterwards came over to Victoria. Mr. W. Coghlan has a farm on the banks of the Merri River, on which he resides, and where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Cust, Thomas C., Warrnambool, is a native of Victoria, born at Warrnambool. In 1872 he went to New South Wales, and, returning in 1884, took up his residence at Laverick Bank, near Warrnambool, where he is engaged in farming.

Davidson, George S., Warrnambool, is a native of Warrnambool, with which place he has always been connected, and has devoted himself to the cultivation of his farm on the bank of the Merri River at Woodend, near Warrnambool.

Davies, John, Warrnambool, was born in Carnarvon, North Wales, where he learned the trade of stonemason. He came to Warrnambool in 1853, when there was no Jetty at Warrnambool, no made roads through the Western District, and when a few wattle and dab huts constituted the township. Mr. Davies has had much to do with the building of Warrnambool, having had constructed under him, as contractor, the Bank of Australasia, the National Bank of Australasia, the Post Office, a portion of the Western Hotel, O'Brien's shops, the Wesleyan Church, the Church of England, the Victoria Hotel, and many stores and private residences. He is now at work on the Catholic Cathedral. He had a bluestone quarry about three miles from the town. Mr. Davies also carries on the business of a monumental mason, and has had as many as fifty men in his employ.

Elliott, F. A., Warrnambool, was born in Warrnambool, and educated and taught his trade there. He commenced business as a boot and shoe merchant in 1879 on Raglan-parade, and moved to Fairy-street in 1885. He deals both in imported and colonial goods, and keeps seven or eight hands employed.

Farrer, Thomas, Warrnambool, was born at No. 18 Nassau-street, New York City, U.S.A., and left there, when three years old, for England, where he learned the trade of watchmaking with Mr. W. E. Cribb, chronometer maker to the British Admiralty, 30 Southampton-row, Russell-square, London. He sailed from London to New Zealand, and thence to Victoria, spending about three years in the colonies, and then returned to England, entering the employ as foreman of Rowell and Son, Oxford and London, chronometer and watch makers to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Prince Assam of Egypt, and the University of Oxford, and remaining there four years. After that he was engaged by Mr. George Farrar, of Tunbridge Wells, watchmaker and jeweller to H.R.H. Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lome. He left England again for the Cape of Good Hope, visited the Kimberley diamond fields, and came on to Melbourne in 1885, proceeding to Warrnambool, where he is now located in business as a watchmaker and jeweller in Timor-street. Mr. Farrer has visited California, Colorado, Oregon, British Columbia, and Alaska.

Flaxman, John, Warrnambool, is a native of England, who came from England to South Australia in 1839 with his father, one of the founders of that colony, and for many years comptroller of Savings Banks in Victoria. Mr. J. Flaxman was educated at St. Peter's College, Adelaide, where he took the highest honours, and went to Warrnambool in 1863. For many years he was partner in the firm of S. Macgregor and Co., auctioneers, stock and station agents, etc., and has been a land and commission agent since. He has been a member of the town council, and president of the local Debating Society, and of the Amateur Theatrical Society. He is also a close student of chess problems. Flaxman's Bluff, on the coast, near the mouth of Curdie's River, is named after him.

Fleetwood, Dr. T. F., F.R.C.S.I., Warrnambool, is a native of Dublin, who took his degrees at Trinity College, Dublin, and a Fellowship of the College of Surgeons, Ireland. He came to Australia in 1874, landing at Sydney, N.S.W., then coming to Melbourne, remained there twelve months. At the expiration of that period, in 1875, he commenced practice at Warrnambool, where he holds the appointment of health officer for the town, port, and shire of Warrnambool. Dr. Fleetwood took his M.A. degree at the Melbourne University.

Fletcher, John, Warrnambool, carries on the business of a manufacturer of aerated waters, cordials, hop bitters, &c., in Warrnambool, and does a trade extending throughout the Western District. The establishment was started by Mr. J. Davis, with whom Mr. Fletcher was connected from its commencement, and whom he succeeded in 1885.

Gaul, Alexander, Warrnambool, was born in Banffshire, Scotland, and came to Victoria in April, 1861. From Melbourne he proceeded straight to his present property, where he has successfully devoted himself to the cultivation of general farm produce up to now.

Geilhofer, R., Warrnambool, is a native of Ulm, on the Danube, in Germany. He came to Australia in 1854, and was for some time oil the diggings in Ballarat, after which he took a trip home. On his return he settled in Warrnambool, and became cashier for Paterson and Co. for several years. In 1881 he established himself in the general estate and produce agency business, of which he was sole proprietor until 1886, when he was joined in partnership by Mr. Helpman, the firm now being carried on under the style of Geilhofer and Helpman.

Gibton, Robert, LL.D., Warrnambool, was born in the county Dublin, Ireland, and came to Victoria in 1853, where for many years he occupied a position in the Civil Service. In 1863 Dr. Gibton acted as Clerk of the Peace, &c., in Maldon, and was removed to Talbot, where he performed the same functions. He went to Warrnambool in 1868, and, until a short time since, occupied the prominent positions of Chief Clerk in Insolvency, Clerk of the Peace for the western bailiwick, Registrar of the County Court, Deputy Coroner, Justice of the Peace, &c. He was admitted as a barrister-at-law in 1874, and received the degree of LL.D. from the Universities of Dublin and Melbourne.

Gleeson, M., Warrnambool, landed in Melbourne from Glasgow, per ship Toynado, in 1853, and went to Warrnambool shortly afterwards by the steamer Queen. By dint of strict frugality he was enabled to purchase the land in Liebig-street, where he now has his livery stable, for the price of £1200. In 1854 he started livery-stable keeping, and has remained at that business ever since.

Granter, James, Warrnambool, was born in Devonshire, England, and landing at Portland, Victoria, he proceeded first to Allansford, on the Hopkins River, and afterwards to Warrnambool, and followed his trade as a mason. In 1855 he commenced contracting, his first essay in that line being the grubbing and clearing of the streets of Warrnambool. He then commenced dealing in horses and carting to the Ararat diggings. In 1858 he was proprietor of the Duchess of Kent Hotel, and is now located at Granter's store, Lava-street, Warrnambool. As a public contractor he has made over 200 miles of roads and over twenty bridges. He constructed the first ford over the Hopkins, and has helped to build a large part of Warrnambool.

Greening Bros., Warrnambool. This firm consists of Messrs. E. and J. Greening, who were born in Devonshire, England, and who came to Warrnambool in 1862, and were brought up and learned their trades there. In 1883 they started in business as boot and shoe merchants, and now do a large business in English, French, and Austrian goods, importing direct. They also keep a full line of colonial stock, and have six men steadily employed. The premises are in Liebig-street. Mr. E. Greening is a member of the Warrnambool town council.

Harrington, Dr. R. H., Warrnambool, is a native of Ireland, who took his degree of M.D. at Paris, and M.R.C.P. at Glasgow, and who came out to Tasmania in 1841, being there appointed surgeon to the Circular Head Company. He was some years in practice at Campbell town, Tasmania, and went to California as ship surgeon in 1851, taking two trips, and spending some six months in that State. After that he again settled in Campbelltown, and remained there until 1860, when he proceeded to Warrnambool, and commenced practice there. He was appointed medical officer at the hospital, and is also now engaged in general practice.

Harris, W. J., Warrnambool, was born in Devonshire, England, and came to Australia in 1870, going direct to Warrnambool. Soon after his arrival he commenced business in Liebig-street as hairdresser and tobacconist, and the following year went to Belfast and carried on the same business there three years, returning to Warrnambool in 1874 and opening his present establishment in Timor-street, next the Commercial Hotel.

Helpman, W. S., Warrnambool, is a native of Fremantle, West Australia, "who was educated in Portland, Victoria, and at the Grammar School, Melbourne. He joined the National Bank at Warrnambool in 1860, afterwards serving the same bank at Geelong, as accountant. In 1875 he entered the employ of the Colonial Bank at Koroit, and opened a branch at Belfast, after which he was appointed to Warrnambool as manager of the bank there. Mr. Helpman has been major in the Victorian Militia for the past ten years, and now commands the Warrnambool Battery Garrison Artillery,

Hood, James, Warrnambool, was born in East Lothian, Scotland, and came to Victoria in 1868. Landing in Melbourne, he proceeded to Belfast, and remained there about a year, after which he removed to Woolaston, where he engaged in the avocation of grazing. In 1886 he purchased his present place at Laverock Brae, on the Belfast-road, where he now resides.

Hourigan, Daniel, Warrnambool, is a native of Limerick, Ireland, who landed at Portland in 1853, and immediately went to Port Fairy. He has been about thirty years engaged in contracting, mainly for road-making, of which work he has done a large amount in the Western District, and in other parts of the colony. His first contract was for the formation of a street at Belfast (Port Fairy), from which place he also made the road to Koroit, and to Spring Creek (Woolsthorpe) and Ararat. He has built a number of bridges, amongst others those between Koroit and Ararat, and has performed some very heavy work between Ballarat, Ararat, and Stawell. For a considerable period he carried on farming and grazing at Tower Hill, in conjunction with his contracting business, but has let his farm and purchased his present property, Villavourneen, at Warrnambool, where he now resides. In 1860 the Government voted £100,000 for road and other necessary public works, the greater portion of which were done by Mr. Hourigan.

Hutton, J. C., Warrnambool, is the proprietor of a bacon-curing establishment on the Belfast-road, a branch from the head place in Melbourne. A large business is done here, an average of 150 pigs being killed weekly, and trade being transacted all over the colony, and with Queensland and New South Wales. Mr. John Wheeler, the local manager, is a native of Preston, Victoria, who was formerly in the Melbourne house, but was placed in charge of this branch when it was established. Mr. Joseph Lucas, buyer for the firm, was born in Launceston, Tasmania, and has been identified with the business since its start.

Jellie, James, Warrnambool, was born in Ireland in 1831, and came to Melbourne on the 3rd April, 1841, where he remained for eighteen months, and then proceeded to Belfast, and was engaged in various occupations. In 1849 he went to Warrnambool, the place being at that time in its infancy, and followed the avocation of a farmer. He commenced his present business as auctioneer, loan and estate agent, and valuator, in Warrnambool, about eighteen years ago, and it is said that he has passed through his hands as large quantities of land as any man in the colony. Mr. Jellie was a member of the shire council for years both of Warrnambool and Belfast, and a member of the borough council of the latter place. He is also a prominent member of Warrnambool racing club, and of the rowing club since its formation.

Jewell, W. H., Warrnambool, is a native of Plymouth, England, who came out to Queensland and went onto Sydney, N.S.W., and spending three years at the Manning River, returned to Sydney, and came to Victoria in 1869, settling in Warrnambool, where he was seven years in partnership with Mr. Stannard, and has since been in business for himself for the past nine years as proprietor of a veterinary and shoeing forge.

Jobbins and M'Leod, Warrnambool. This firm was established in 1858 as one of architects and surveyors. The main office is in Melbourne, and of that Mr. George Jobbins has charge, Mr. James M'Leod being the representative at the Warrnambool office.

Kennedy, Richard Frank, chemist, commenced his present business in Timor-street, Warrnambool, in the year 1880, and now does an extensive retail and wholesale trade—in fact, his is one of the leading firms in the place. Mr. Kennedy is chemist by appointment to His Excellency Sir Henry B. Loch. He was at one time vice-president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria, and member of the Board of Pharmacy. He is a member for the Hopkins ward of the Warrnambool town council, and has been appointed one of the trustees of the local Savings Bank.

King, Thomas, J.P., Warrnambool, is a native of Leicestershire, England, who came out to Victoria thirty-four years since, and first employed himself for a time as gardener in the service of the police magistrate at Portland. He then went to Warrnambool, and was engaged for twelve months as storekeeper for Mr. George Bostock and Manifold and Bostock—His next term was devoted to road contracting, after which he was a carrier for a time, and finally established himself in Warrnambool as a produce merchant, which business he still carries on. During his occupation as a carrier Mr. King had some exciting adventures with the bushrangers of the period. He was one of the promoters of the Western Shipping Company, and mayor, a position he has held five times. He transacted the purchase of the gas works for the corporation. Amongst other important public undertakings with which he has been connected, are the present market, and the public parks and gardens. Mr. King has been a member of the Warrnambool town council for over twenty years, and is now a representative for the Victoria ward, and a justice of the peace for the western bailiwick for seventeen years.

Lovewell, George H., Warrnambool, was born in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., who removed thence to California in 1875, and commenced the study of the photographic profession the same year with Mr. W. M. Tuttle, the founder of the San Francisco portrait parlours, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne, and came out to Australia with that gentleman in 1880, remaining with him for a short time at the studio in Elizabeth-street. He then took charge for a time of the San Francisco portrait parlours in Rundle-street, Adelaide, and afterwards visited Perth and Fremantle, West Australia, and Auckland, Christchurch, Napier, and Dunedin, New Zealand, opening studios in each place for the taking of gem photographs. In 1884 he went to Warrnambool, and opened the "Elite" studio in Timor-street, where he produces all kinds of fine photographic work, making a specialty of children's portraits.

Lumsden, John, Warrnambool, is a native of Victoria, and son of Mr. Alexander Lumsden, who came to this colony from his native place Aberdeen in 1852, and who travelled over and saw much of this colony. He commenced farming on Motang, near the mouth of the Hopkins River, in 1856, and continued to follow that pursuit till 1876, since which date his sons have been carrying on the farm on their own account.

Lumsden, W. J., Warrnambool, is another son of Mr. Alexander Lumsden. Mr. W. J. Lumsden was born at Motang, on the Hopkins River, near Warrnambool, and has been there for many years engaged in farming with his father.

Mack, Joseph, Warrnambool, is a native of Scotland, who landed at Adelaide, S.A., on the Queen's Birthday, 1852, and remained there about two years. He then came to Melbourne, and proceeded thence to the Simpson's Ranges—now Maryborough diggings, and afterwards to Bendigo and Avoca. In 1857 he went to Warrnambool, and commenced business in the grain trade, and as agent for American reaping machines and other agricultural implements. He was appointed secretary and treasurer of the Warrnambool shire about ten years since, and still occupies the position. He is also secretary to the public cemetery. Mr. Mack takes a warm interest in all movements for the public benefit.

Mackay, Hugh, Warrnambool, was born and brought up at the foot of Ben Cruachan, Scotland, and in 1853 sailed for Melbourne. Thence he went to Geelong, and on to the Port Fairy (Belfast) district. He lived in Dundas about seven years, and in the Hexham district about ten years. Purchasing 300 acres of land at Woodford, he engaged in farming, devoting himself to that pursuit until about a year since, when he retired and took up his abode at his present residence, Spring Gardens, Warrnambool.

M'Cullough, D. M., Warrnambool, is a native of the North of Ireland, who came out to the colony in 1854, and who, landing at Warrnambool, devoted himself to farming, which avocation he has followed ever since. His estate is known as Sea View, and it lies within a little distance of the town.

M'Cullough, T., Warrnambool, was born in the County Down, Ireland, who came to Australia in 1855, and settled in Warrnambool, where he was educated. He opened in business as a butcher in 1874, and is now doing a considerable trade. The meat of the district enjoys a reputation as second to none in Australia.

M'Gennan, P. J., Warrnambool, is a native of Holyhead, North Wales, who learned his trade of cooper in Ireland, and came to Victoria in 1866. After spending some time in Melbourne he went to Warrnambool in 1861, where he started a cooper's shop in Kepler-street. He also kept a boating establishment on the Hopkins River for four years. He opened his present shop in Liebig-street in 1877, where he employs six hands, and does a general cooperage business, inclusive of the manufacture of cheese vats, churns, cheese coolers, tanks, &c,

M'Meekin Bros., Warrnambool. This firm carries on an extensive business in the land, estate, and insurance agency, also in the dairy produce trade, exporting butter and cheese to England and South Australia. The firm consists of Messrs. William and J. P. M'Meekin.

M'Neill, Allan, Warrnambool, is a native of the island of Mull, Argyle-shire, Scotland, who emigrated to Sydney, N.S.W., in 1849, and after being there six weeks came to Victoria, and proceeded to the Port Fairy (Belfast) district. In 1851 he went to the goldfields at Forest Creek, Fryers Creek, and Ballarat, where he was present at the Eureka stockade riots. In 1856 he returned to Tower Hill, near Koroit, and purchased a farm, which three years afterwards he let. He has now retired from the active pursuit of business, and resides at Argyle Villa, Warrnambool.

M'Sweeney, D., Warrnambool, was born in the county Kerry, Ireland, and at the age of twelve left for England, where he learned his business of cordial and aerated water manufacturer. In 1866 he went to Queensland, and remained there some time as manager for Mr. Daymon, of Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. In 1868 he came to Victoria, and after travelling for a while through the colony, settled in the Western District for eight years, as manager on Mr. Ware's cattle station. He next commenced business in Melbourne as a produce dealer, and in 1883 proceeded to Warrnambool, where he started a hay and corn business, and the following year commenced the manufacture of aerated water, cordials, and hop bitters. He is now doing a trade which extends throughout the Western District.

Mayne, William, Warrnambool, is a native of Ireland, who came to Victoria in 1855, and landed at Portland. He was engaged for thirty-one years on a station at Barwidgee, and bought his present place at Spring Gardens, near Warrnambool, about nineteen years ago.

Miller, H. Lindsay, Warrnambool, was born in Tasmania, and studied medicine at Glasgow, London, and Brussels, and took the degrees of M.D., L.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. He returned to Australia in 1881, and was appointed medical superintendent of the Melbourne Hospital, and also surgeon in the medical department of the Victorian military forces. Dr. Milter is now practising in Warrnambool,

Morris, William, Warrnambool (died 1st July, 1887), was a native of Killeigh, King's county, Ireland. He came to Victoria in 1866, and landed at Warrnambool, near which place, on the Merri River, he took up a farm, and devoting himself to its improvement, made it a splendid-looking place.

Murray, John, M.L.A., J.P., Warrnambool, was born in Victoria, and is a son of the late Mr. James Murray, a native of Scotland, who came out to Melbourne in 1859, and remained in the vicinity of Melbourne until 1842, when he became the occupant of a farm at Koroit, which he relinquished in 1857; then going to live in Warrnambool. After a residence in that town of a little more than twelve months, he removed to his station on the coast. Mr. John Murray has lived in the vicinity of Warrnambool all his life, with the exception of a few years taken up in a visit to Great Britain, and a short time spent in New Zealand. He represents Warrnambool in the Legislative Assembly, this being his second term, and is a justice of the peace for the western bailiwick.

Napthine, R. W., Warrnambool, is a native of Suffolk, England, and was for five years with John Charles Crampin, draper, Saxmundham, and afterwards engaged for four years in London. He arrived in Melbourne in October, 1852, and was engaged by Charles Williamson, 47 Collins-street, with whom he remained until 1854, when he went to Warrnambool per sailing vessel (the fare being then six pounds), and purchased land in Timor-street in conjunction with Mr. John Briggs, and commenced business under the style of Briggs and Napthine. Mr. Napthine was for some time connected with the hospital and Mechanics' Institute, Warrnambool. He has now retired from active business, and resides on his property, Huntingfield, on the banks of the River Hopkins.

Nelson, Mrs. Fanny M., Warrnambool, is the proprietress of the Hopkins Hotel and Nelson's boating establishment, which is beautifully situated on the Hopkins River, near its mouth, and which is so well and favourably known to lovers of aquatic exercise, and the followers of Izaak Walton. The hotel, which is the head-quarters of the Warrnambool Rowing Club, was opened about two years ago, and affords first-class accommodation to visitors. It is also the local post office. Rowing and fishing boats, with tackle and bait, can be obtained at reasonable charges.

Nicholson, Mark, Warrnambool. This gentleman was born at Clifton, England, in 1818, and landed in Melbourne in 1840. He first took up a station at Panmure, and after working it some time left and went to Mount Macedon, whence he proceeded to Warrnambool shortly afterwards. He represented Warrnambool in the Legislative Assembly in 1843, but retired from the political arena many years ago. Mr. Nicholson has been a great traveller in his day, having, amongst the rest, visited Europe thrice. After his last trip home in 1873, he settled down to the life of a country gentleman, on his estate, Waveny, and has remained there ever since. Mr. Mark Nicholson was a magistrate for Belfast before there was a town at Warrnambool. When he first went to what is now the latter place, the site consisted of a heifer paddock belonging to Strong and Foster, and extending from the Merri to the Hopkins. The population on each side consisted of Richardson, Ayer, and Stevens and Ewing, on the east, and Strong and Foster and Mark Nicholson on the west of the river.

O'Connell, H. P., Warrnambool, is a native of Toronto, Canada, British America, and came out to Australia in 1860. He was first connected with the Victorian telegraph department, and was stationed at Beechworth. He was afterwards two years in Melbourne, and then went to Daylesford and Dunolly. After residing in some other places in the colony, he went to Warrnambool, where he was, in 1881, appointed postmaster, which position he still occupies.

O'Mullane, J. J., Warrnambool. This gentleman commenced in Warrnambool in 1883, as a dealer in and manufacturer of all kinds of furniture. He began with one man, and has since increased his business tenfold, now doing an extensive wholesale and retail trade in the town and throughout the surrounding districts.

Paterson, R. B., Warrnambool. This gentleman is a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, who came out to Victoria in 1853, and was soon afterwards employed in the Bank of Victoria. He was, in succession, manager of branches of that bank at Castlemaine, Avoca, Beaufort and Warrnambool, severing his connection with the bank in 1867, he entered into partnership with Mr. Aitken, in the business of general merchants in Warrnambool, and has remained in it ever since. In 1870 Mr. Aitken retired from the firm, and Mr. Paterson became sole proprietor under the style of Paterson and Co., and now carries on an extensive business as wine, spirit, and general merchant, ale and porter importer, produce dealer, and shipper. Mr. Paterson is also proprietor of the Merri Mills at Warrnambool, and of the Farina Works, Dennington, three miles west of Warrnambool.

Ponting, James, Warrnambool, was born near Bath, England, and arrived at Belfast, Victoria, about Christmas 1853. For twelve months he was engaged on Mr. Rutledge's Survey, and then purchased his present property on the Dennington-road, about two miles from Warrnambool, which he continues to cultivate and improve.

Proudfoot, Thomas, Warrnambool, is the proprietor of the favourite resort of the residents of and visitors to Warrnambool for rowing or fishing, known as Proudfoot's boating establishment, on the Hopkins River. It was established a few years since on the banks of the river, and here Mr. Proudfoot supplies boats, fishing tackle, and bait at a low charge, enabling visitors to spend an enjoyable rowing or fishing excursion.

Redford, Thomas, Warrnambool, a native of England, emigrated with his family to Tasmania in early childhood. Some years later he came to Melbourne, and was in the employ of Mr. F. P. Stevens for several years. He then went to Portland, and after the lapse of four years removed to Warrnambool, where he again joined Mr. Stevens, and after some time was taken into partnership with that gentleman, on whose retirement in 1878 he became sole proprietor of the extensive general store and importing and produce business, which he now carries on under the style of T. Redford and Co. Some idea of the extent of the produce business done may be gleaned from the fact that 30,000 bushels of grain and 5000 bales of wool pass through the house annually. Mr. Redford handles a great variety of goods, including general merchandise and agricultural implements. A large wholesale as well as retail trade is carried on throughout the entire district. Mr. Redford is a member for the Merri ward in the town council, and has held other offices of trust in the locality.

Robinson and Morse, Warrnambool. The carriage factory of this firm in Fairy-street, Warrnambool, was started in 1883, and has since that time made remarkable progress. When they commenced business their stock in trade was very limited—indeed their operations required but one forge, and the employment of a boy. The growth of the business has been something phenomenal; they now employ over thirty hands in the various departments at the extensive premises in Fairy-street. Their trade is not confined to Warrnambool, but extends throughout the colony, and goes to show what can be done by unflagging industry and close attention to business. This firm received a medal of merit from the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in England. Mr. Robinson is a native of Victoria, and has been a constant resident in Warrnambool, and Mr. Morse, who was born in South Australia, came to this colony while yet a youth.

Rosling, Thomas, Warrnambool, was born at Peterborough, England. His father and uncles were officers in the Cambridgeshire Yeomanry, under Capt. Smith, brother to Sir Harry Smith, of Sikh War renown. He emigrated to Victoria in 1861 in the old Kent. After the rage of the New Zealand rush he settled in Dandenong in the Yarraman Park, entering largely into dairying pursuits. He then commenced cattle dealing through Western Port and Gippsland in the days when Archie Campbell cut the coach track through the dense forest. Mr. Rosling commenced as auctioneer in Dandenong in 1866, establishing and leasing from the newly appointed Market Commissioners the Dandenong market, at £1 per annum; the fifth year of its existence it was let at £120 per annum. His business increased so fast that in 1872 he sold in one six months 20,000 head of cattle. Mr. Rosling started sales at Schnapper Point, Cheltenham, Cranbourne, Whittlesea, Morang, Lilydale, Werribee, Brandy Creek, Drouin, and Warragul. He sold out at Gippsland, and bought the Victoria Horse Bazaar, Bourke-street. He was the purchaser of the Westaway and Hurdy Gurdy stations. In 1883 he settled in the Western district as a cattle dealer.

Rowley, John S., Warrnambool. This gentleman was born in Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, and landed in Victoria in 1856, being located for a short time in Geelong. For three years he tried his fortune on the goldfields, and afterwards went to Warrnambool as representative of a Geelong firm of brewers, but meeting with opposition, established himself in his present business as a manufacturer of soda and other aerated waters, hop bitters, &c., and has carried it on successfully for 21 years. He commenced operations with a man and a boy, and now employs thirteen men, and from eleven to thirteen horses, to meet his business requirements. Mr. Rowley was a member of the local council four years, and has taken a leading part on the Hospital committee, and in the Mechanics' Institute, the Warrnambool Steam Packet Company, and other public movements.

Russell and Powell, Warrnambool. The business of this firm was originally established by Mr. S. Giffen Russell, who started as a general storekeeper in Warrnambool in 1878, and carried on alone until 1881, when he was joined by Mr. Joseph Powell as partner. The commodious premises they now occupy they built in 1882. The firm does a large retail and wholesale trade as storekeepers, as well as importers, exporters, and shippers. Mr. Russell is a native of Belfast, Ireland, who came out to Victoria in 1870, and who was with Mr. S. Shaw at Beechworth for eight years, during which period he gained his business experience. Mr. Powell is a native of this colony, and previous to joining Mr. Russell was, for a number of years, employed with Redford and Co., Warrnambool. The advance in the value of real estate in the locality of this firm is worth note. When they commenced business, land could be bought for from £3 to £5 per foot, while the same land has lately been sold as high as £18 per foot.

Rutledge, Richard, Warrnambool, is a native of the county Clare, Ireland, who came out to Australia in 1837. He landed in Sydney, where he remained until the following year, when he came to Victoria. Mr. R. Rutledge has been identified with the great grazing industry of the district almost ever since his arrival. He is a brother of the late Mr. William Rutledge, and is one of the best known men in that part of the country. He resides on his estate of Farnham, near Warrnambool.

Scott, Dr. Thomas, M.R.C.S., &c., Warrnambool, is a native of the county Tyrone, in the North of Ireland. He was qualified in London and Edinburgh, being Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, and of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. He arrived in Victoria in 1864, and after spending eighteen months at Mount Prospect, went home, but returned and settled in Ararat. He afterwards practised at Port Fairy (Belfast) and Hamilton, eight years in the latter place, and in 1886 commenced practice as an operating and consulting surgeon and physician in Warrnambool.

Sheldrick and Co., Warrnambool. One of the most prominent among the many industries of Warrnambool is undoubtedly the Warrnambool new brewery, conducted by Sheldrick and Co., as being the most extensive of its kind in the Western District. The business of this firm was established about twenty years since by a limited company, whose interest was afterwards bought by Mr. Walter Sheldrick, and held by him until the time of his death. The firm now consists of Richard Sheldrick and Thomas Price, who conduct the business. Their specialty is malt ales, and for their exhibits at the Sydney Exhibition in 1870, and the International Exhibition in 1886, they have received medals.

Stanley, J. S., Warrnambool, is a native of Tipperary, Ireland, who landed at Melbourne in 1870, and was for two years engaged as assistant master at schools. He then succeeded Mr. F. M. B. Phillips, late M.P. for Creswick, as master of the Clunes grammar school. After four years there, he was selected to conduct the Maryborough school, where he remained four years. In 1879 he started the Warrnambool grammar school, which he now conducts, and which occupies a high position in public estimation as a first-class scholastic establishment. Mr. Stanley is regarded as a mathematician of high order, and is an admirable chess player. He won the chess tournament of 1870.

Stephens, Charles Thomas, J.P., Warrnambool, is a native of London, who came out to Australia in 1853, landing at Melbourne, where he learned his trade of coachbuilder. Leaving Melbourne he went to Blackwood and Ballarat, and thence to Warrnambool in 1874, where he established his present coach building business, after purchasing that of Mr. Barber. The business is conducted under the style of Stephens Bros. The firm has a good connection and reputation throughout the district. The business may be said to have doubled itself during the first year, and is now thrice as extensive as when the firm first took it up. Mr. Stephens is a magistrate for the western bailiwick, and was a member of the borough and town council for six years.

Stevens, Frederick Perkins, J.P., Warrnambool. This gentleman is a native of London, who came to Australia with his father's family in 1835, landing at Hobart Town, Tasmania. In 1836 he went to Sydney, and thence in 1839 to Melbourne, where he remained four years, and then journeyed to Belfast, and, establishing a business there, carried it on for four years. In 1846 he was elected a member for the Legislative Council of Victoria. Resigning his seat in 1853 on account of ill-health, he took a trip to England, and on his return established the business of Stevens and Denney at Warrnambool, now known as that of T. Redford and Co. Mr. Stevens retired from business some years since, being succeeded in it by his nephew, Mr. Redford. He is a justice of the peace for the western bailiwick, and amongst other prominent offices he has held may be enumerated that of a promoter of the Warrnambool Steam Navigation Company, Guardian of Minors, and member of committee of the Benevolent Society, Savings Bank, Asylum, &c.

Stevens, William, Warrnambool, is a native of Cornwall, England, who emigrated to Melbourne in 1850, and remained there three months, when he proceeded to Caramut, and was in the service of Dr. Palmer there a similar length of time. After visiting Port Fairy (Belfast), he spent several successful years on the diggings at Ballarat and Fryers Creek, and in 1854 settled down at Warrnambool, where, at Russell's Creek, he took to farming, and has been engaged in that pursuit ever since.

Swinton and Sons, Warrnambool. Mr. W. Swinton, the senior member of this firm, is a native of Scotland, who came out to Australia at an early period, and forthwith settled in Warrnambool when that now important seaport town consisted of but a few houses. Having learned at home the businesses both of a carpenter and a storekeeper, he commenced in the former, and followed it for about twelve years, after which he established the present business of general storekeeper, carrying it on alone for nineteen years, and then admitting his sons William and Robert, thus forming the firm under its present style. Swinton and Sons are now doing a satisfactory retail trade, both in the town and surrounding district, and also have a fair wholesale connection with country storekeepers.

Taylor, James, Warrnambool, is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, who came out to Victoria in 1853, landing at Melbourne. After being there a short time he returned home, coming out again the following year, going to the Blackwood diggings for a while. He then took charge of a cutter trading in Hobson's Bay, and entered the lighthouse service in 1856, being first appointed to the west channel light in Port Phillip, and afterwards to Queenscliff as junior assistant. He remained in that district twenty-five years, and in 1881 was removed to Cape Schanck, where he stayed up till two years since, being then removed to his present position of lighthouse-keeper at Warrnambool.

Tozer, F., Warrnambool, is a native of Devonshire, who came out to Australia in 1842, and was employed by Strong and Foster for a time, afterwards buying the stations called Bryan O'Lynn, ten miles north of Warrnambool, with the squatter's interest. He remained there eight years, and then removed to a station at Mount Gower, on the west side of the Hopkins. He also purchased land from the Government, but on account of ill-health was obliged to go to St. Kilda and reside there for a time. In 1870 he bought 2000 acres at Wangoom Park, near Warrnambool, of which he has since sold 1000 acres, but where he still resides, carrying on the ordinary business of a station holder.

Uren, F., Warrnambool, was born at Hamilton, Victoria, and received his preliminary education at the Hamilton College, under Mr. H. B. de la Poer Wall, M.A. At the Ballarat School of Mines he studied pharmacy and chemistry under Dr. Usher and Professor Smith respectively. He passed his Major Examination in Melbourne before the Pharmacy Board of Victoria, and went to Warrnambool in 1885, where he purchased the pharmacy establishment carried on by Mr. J. A. Bromfield since 1853. Mr. Uren manufactures a number of proprietary medicines, chief among which are Uren's Lung Balsam, Corn Eradicator, Perfumery, &c., and does, as well, a large prescription and general family dispensing business.

Wainwright and Faulkner, Warrnambool. This firm established their business as boot manufacturers in Warrnambool about 1877. Some idea of the extent of the growth of this industry may be gleaned from the fact that at the commencement of this firm's operations in Warrnambool, only three or four hands were employed, while now the pay-sheet shows some fifty names. The trade connection extends throughout the Western District. The firm consists of Mr. J. S. Wainwright and Mr. F. Faulkner. The former is a native of London, who came to Victoria in 1855; and the latter, of Northampton, England, who arrived in 1853. This is one of the most extensive and important manufacturing establishments in the Western District.

Ward, James, Warrnambool, is a native of Illington, Norfolk, England, who came to Australia in 1852, and landed at Portland. After a little time he settled at Russell's Creek, Warrnambool, and has been engaged in farming there for thirty-three years.

Williamson, Edward, Warrnambool, native of Stockport, on the Cheshire side of the Mersey, England, who spent some of the early years of his youth in Reigate, London, and emigrated to New Zealand in 1861. He learned his trade of tailor with Mr. James Wifkie, of Dunedin, and went to Warrnambool in 1868, trying business for a

time in Woodford and near Koroit. He then opened in the Oddfellows' Hall in Warrnambool, and moved to his present location in Timor-street, where he is conducting the general business of a woollen draper and tailor.

Wilson, John, and Co., produce merchants, Warrnambool. This firm consists of John Wilson senior. The head office is 83 Flinders-street west, Melbourne with branches at Sussex-street, Sydney; Formby, Tasmania; Portarlington and Warrnambool. The latter branch is now under the management of his son, John Wilson, jun. The firm started business in Melbourne and Warrnambool in 1857, and were the first to charter steamers to carry potatoes direct from Warrnambool to Sydney and Adelaide. In the early part of the year 1887 they laid on the steamer 'Tihis' to carry potatoes from Warrnambool and Tasmania to Sydney and Adelaide and their annual turnover is now about 16,000 tons.

Wilson, Thomas, Warrnambool, is a native of Melbourne, who went to the Western District thirty-six years ago. He has been a grazier since he was a boy, and follows the occupation now at "Sutton," Warrnambool.

North, east, and west from Warrnambool—the heart, and along the numerous main and by-roads, which are at once the veins and the arteries of the district, is a vast area of agricultural country of the richest description, the habitat of a numerous body of well-to-do farmers and settlers. Formerly this important tract consisted almost wholly of large estates, which were utilised as sheep and cattle runs, but most of them have of late years been cut up and sold, or else subdivided into smaller areas, and let as farms. A very considerable proportion of the occupants of these rich agricultural lands are freeholders, while others are tenant farmers, a peculiar system of leasing being in vogue, particularly, if not solely, on the potato lands, by which the owners let a certain patch or field by the year or by the crop.

Commencing at the south-east corner of the district, we find a wealthy territory watered by the pretty Hopkins River and its tributary streams, on which is located a group of small townships, the natural outcome of the former postal centres which were established for the convenience of the scattered population. These townships, which mostly bear the names of the stations of which they formed part, are ALLANSFORD, about six miles east of Warrnambool; BALLANGEICH, midway between Warrnambool and Mortlake; CARAMUT, situated on Muston's and Burchell's Creek; CUDGEE, about eleven miles from Warrnambool, on the Camperdown-road; DENNINGTON, at the crossing of the Belfast-road over the Merri River, and adjoining which is the tract of 5225 acres known as Rutledge's Special Survey; ELLERSLIE, on the Hopkins River; FRAMLINGHAM, also on the Hopkins River, eighteen miles north-east of Warrnambool in the neighbourhood of an aboriginal mission station, the locale of about eighty blacks; GARVOC, on the Yalloak Creek; Grasmere, Hawkesdale, Mailor's Flat, Nirranda, Nullawarre; PANMURE, halfway between Warrnambool and Terang, on the Mount Emu Creek; PURNIM, three miles from the Framlingham Aboriginal Mission Station; wangoom, on the banks of Lake Wangoom, a circular sheet of fresh water near Warrnambool; WINSLOW, on the east bank of Lake Cartcarronge, a fine sheet of fresh water about a mile in diameter; WOODFORD, on the Merri River, about six miles from Warrnambool; WOOLSTHORPE, on the Spring Creek, a perennial stream rising in Mount Rouse; YANGERY, about half-way between Warrnambool and Koroit; and some other small hamlets and postal centres. These townships all partake of the same characteristics, being at present reached by coach from Warrnambool, having church, school, hotel, and store accommodation, and, for the most part, each being the centre of a dairy and general farming district, dotted with substantial homesteads, and fat with prolific crops. Most of the farmers too, utilise portions of their land for grazing purposes, and many high-class cattle are bred in the district. Cereals and root crops are extensively grown; and cheese farming and bacon curing, especially on the Hopkins River about Allansford, are special industries in the neighbourhood.

In this portion of the district the principal landowners are Mr. John Allison, who has 1619 acres of first-class land near Purnim; Mr. Robert Askew, with 1332 acres, third-class, near Ballangeich; Mr. W. B. Alien, 6967 acres, third-class, in the same neighbourhood; Mr. William Armstrong, 6272 acres, third-class, also near Ballangeich; Mr. Geo. P. Barber, of Staywood, Warrnambool, owns 1828 acres of third-class land near Purnim; the Hon. William Bayles, 7236 acres, third-class, between Caramut and Woolsthorpe; Messrs. S. and M. H. Baird, of Woodlands, 23,479 acres, third-class, near Hawkesdale; and Mr. Alfred W. Braim, of

Kilmorey, Woolsthorpe, 6805 acres, third-class; the Hon. Sir W. J. Clarke has 2935 acres of second-class land near Purnim; and Mr. A. C. Eddington, of Ballangeich, 10,780 acres, third-class, near that place; Mr. John Karls, of Minjah, holds 2737 acres, third-class, south of Caramut; Mr. John Good, of Winslow, 4479 acres, second-class; Mr. Robt. Hood, of Merang, near Hexham, 12,580 acres, third-class, Mr. Alien Jenkins, of Woodford, 829 acres, first-class; Mr. J. Kelly, 1341 acres, third-class, near Purnim; Mr. William Lindsay, of Quamby, Woolsthorpe, 28,259 acres, third-class; and Messrs. John and James Lee, of Wangoom, 1338 acres, first-class; Mrs. J. E., Mr. J. W., and the executors of the late Mr. Peter Manifold, own 2892 acres of first-class, and 23,210 acres of fourth-class land in the district; Mr. T. O'Brien has 1509 acres third-class, near Hawkesdale; Mr. Henry Phillips, of Brian O'Lynn, Purnim, 866 acres first-class, near the Framlingham aboriginal reserve; Mr. O. F. W. Hamilton, 1444 acres, third-class, near Hawkesdale; Messrs. T. F. and W. R. Rutledge, of Farnham Park and Werronggurt, near Dennington, 4164 acres of the Farnham special survey, first-class, and 1695 acres, third-class, near Ballangeich; Mr. F. Tozer, of Wangoom Park, 1869 acres, second-class; Mr. E. Thwaites, of Winslow, Lake Cartcarronge, 1341 acres second-class; Mr. Joseph Ware, of Minjah, near Caramut, 35,105 acres, third-class; and Messrs. Robt., G. H., and J. D. Whitehead, of Goodwood, near Caramut, 26,149 acres, third-class. In the extreme south-east of the district, and in the county Heytesbury, are the estates of the late Mrs. Alice Allan, of Allandale, comprising 2850 acres of third-class land; Mr. T. M'Leod Palmer, of Tooram, Allanford, 1907 acres, first-class; and Mr. Phipps Turnbull, 1173 acres, first-class, near Allansford.

We append short biographical notes of some of the residents settled in the townships named above:-

Aberline, Adam, Wangoom, is a native of this colony, born in Warrnambool, where he has since resided on the estate bought by his father many years ago, near Wangoom. As showing the scarcity of the ordinary requirements of civilization in the early days, it is a humorous tradition in the family that Mr. Aberline's mother (who is still alive) owned the first chair in the district.

Adams, John, Purnim, is a native of the county Antrim, Ireland, who came out to Melbourne by the ship Frankfield on 1st June, 1841. In 1851 he went to the goldfields at Bendigo, and remained there two years. After that he purchased at the land sale, Warrnambool, his present estate, Bushyfield, of 316 acres, near Wangoom, occupied it in 1853, and has been engaged in farming and dairying there since.

Adams, John W., Wangoom, is a native of that township, who took up his present place about three years since, and is now engaged on it in general and dairy farming, going largely into and making a special feature of the manufacture of cheese,

Barber, George Page, Wangoom, born in Norfolk, England, landed at Melbourne in August, 1860, from the ship Suffolk. He first went to the Wimmera, and managed a station belonging to the Wilson Bros, (now Sir Samuel Wilson) for seven years. He then purchased a station in Queensland, on which he remained two years, and in 1872 took up his present place, Slaywood Park, on which he has since been engaged in farming and grazing. He has visited England twice since he first came out to Australia, namely, in 1867, and again with his wife and family in 1881.

Baxter, William, Garvoc, was born in Victoria, near Geelong. In 1863 he started as a carrier, and in 1865 selected 118 acres of land in the parish of Keilambete, which land he sold in 1879. About 1868 he selected 122 acres in the parish of Terang, and has since selected about 1000 acres in this district, on which he carries on grazing. He was married in 1863, and has a family of four sons and two daughters.

Beattie, John Wilson, Panmure, is a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, who came out to Melbourne in 1853, and, after a few months, went to the Castlemaine and Sandhurst diggings, remaining there through the winter of 1854. He then went to Simpson's rush, and back to Forest Creek where he stayed three years, and then went to the Ovens district gold-mining. He commenced school teaching in 1864 at Sandy Creek, where he was also postmaster and mining registrar; and in 1867 took charge of the State-school at Osborne's Flat. In 1870 he went to Gippsland as Head teacher of the State-school, Rosedale, and in 1884 was transferred to the Panmure State-school, No. 1079, fourth-class, having an average attendance of ninety pupils.

Bentley, James, Wangoom, a native of Yorkshire, England, came out

to this colony in 1852, and landing at Geelong, proceeded to Melbourne. Afterwards he went to Warrnambool, and purchased his present place, to which he has given the name of Stonefield, at Wangoom, and settled down thereon. Mr. Samuel Bentley is son of the above-named gentleman.

Best, Frederick, Winslow, a native of London, came out to Portland, Victoria, in 1852, and remained there a short time. He then went to Warrnambool, where he served his apprenticeship of five years to the tanning trade, after which he travelled through the Australian colonies and New Zealand, working at his trade. He established his present business at the Winslow tannery in September, 1872, then doing about ten hides, and now about 130 hides, weekly. Mr. Best tans and dresses all kinds of leather, and does his tan grinding and pumping by steam.

Cassidy, William, Yangery, was born on the banks of the Merri River, near Warrnambool, and has been identified with the district all his life. He has been a member of the shire council, and is a member of the local agricultural society.

Clancy, Michael, Dennington, is a native of the county Clare, Ireland, who came out to Sydney, N.S.W., in July, 1854. He went to Ballarat in December of that year, and remained there until the Blackwood diggings broke out, when he proceeded there, and afterwards removed to the Warrnambool district, and rented a farm on the Farnham Estate. In 1867 he purchased land at Kangaroo Flat, and was engaged in farming pursuits for a number of years on it. He then sold out and went to Warrnambool, where he built a house and resided six months. In 1874 he selected land near Wimmera, and was on it eleven years, and, in 1885, built the Plough and Harrow Hotel, Dennington, the business of which he still conducts.

Clark, James, Panmure, is a native of Launceston, Tasmania, who came to this colony as far back as the year 1833, and first settled at Port Fairy and Portland, where he was engaged in whaling, from which avocation he retired fourteen years since. He purchased land at Panmure, and a short time since built a residence on it, which he named Whalers' Cottage, and now resides there.

Clarke, W. H., Garvoc, was born in Essex, England, and arrived in Australia in 1853. He spent two or three years on the goldfields, and then commenced farming at Smeaton, near Creswick, remaining there about seven years. In 1865 he selected land in the parish of Keilambete, where he has since carried on the business of grazier and dairy farmer. The district is noted for cheese-making, that being one of its principal industries. The first school in the locality was established in 1868.

Davidson, John (deceased), Woodford, was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, and arrived in Australia 2nd August, 1841. He built the

Squatters' Arms Hotel at Balmoral, and established the township in 1845, and kept the hotel for four years. In 1848 he purchased the Rosebank farm, near Woodford, and also purchased a store in Warrnambool, which he kept until 1851, when he went to the goldfields and in five months returned, with £500, to Warrnambool, and in 1853 went again to the diggings. He was married in 1854, and settled on the Rosebank farm. In January, 1857, he was elected a member of the Warrnambool District Council, and was a justice of the peace for the Western bailiwick up to the time of his death, which occurred 7th January, 1887. Mrs. Davidson is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, who came to Victoria in 1845.

Doy, Mrs. Elizabeth, Garvoc, was born in Staffordshire, England, and arrived in Australia in January, 1853. Her late husband, Mr. William Doy, was born in Norfolk, England, and came to Victoria in 1848. After working some time for Mr. Thomas Bostock he rented a farm near Warrnambool from Mr. Thomas Manifold, and carried on farming pursuits there for fourteen years, when he removed to Allansford, and was farming there one year. In 1865 he selected 204 acres of land in the parish of Keilambete, where he was engaged in grazing and dairy farming until his death in 1884. Mrs. Doy, his widow, now resides on the property, and carries on the business. She has also 330 acres of land in the parish of Garvoc.

Eldridge, Henry, Garvoc, was born in England, and came from Kingston, Surrey, to Australia in 1857, landing at Warrnambool, and remaining in the district about two years. He then removed to Terang, where he resided until 1870, when he selected land in the parish of Garvoc, on which he has since conducted the joint occupations of carrier, grazier, and dairy farmer. He was married, in 1857, in the Church of England, Warrnambool, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Archdeacon Beamish, his being the first marriage celebrated in that edifice.

Farrer, John, Woodford, came out to Victoria at an early age, landing first at Portland, and transshipping thence to Belfast. He established himself as a blacksmith, wheelwright and undertaker thirty-two years ago, and has now two places of business—one in Raglan-parade, Warrnambool, and one in Woodford, six miles distant. For workmanship on waggons and drays he has taken first prizes at the Koroit and Warrnambool agricultural shows.

Gazzard, F. W., Allansford, was born at Bath, England, and arrived in Melbourne from America in March, 1852, going first to the goldfields. After a long sojourn at Sandhurst and Avoca, engaged in goldmining, he went to Ararat and started the Mount Ararat meat preserving works; thence to Warrnambool in 1875, and established his present business of bacon-curing for which he has gained a reputation, at Tooram, Allansford, and has received special appointment as "ham and bacon curer" to His Excellency Sir H. B. Loch, K.C.B.

Glasgow, John, Purnim, is a native of the county Antrim, Ireland. His father, Mr. Robert Glasgow, and family came to Melbourne by the ship *Bride* in 1853, and at the beginning of 1854 went to the Warrnambool district. Two years afterwards he settled on the present property, Black-wood Hill, near Wangoom, where he is engaged in grazing and general and dairy farming. In cheese-making he has been very successful, taking the first prize at the Grand National Exhibition at Melbourne, and the diploma of merit at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in London, 1886. Mr. John Glasgow was a member of the Warrnambool Shire Council, south riding, for six years, from 1880 to 1886, and, during the last year, was president.

Glowrey, James, Garvoc, was born in Dublin, Ireland, and arrived in Sydney, N.S.W., in 1850, after which he came to Victoria, and followed the avocation of gold-digger at Bendigo for two years. He next went to Melbourne, and thence to Warrnambool, where he assisted in the erection of the first sawmill in that district, and engaged in digging at Pettingil for four years. In 1858 he removed to Mortlake, purchased land, and remained seven years, after which he selected, and also purchased land in the township of Garvoc, where he now resides. Mr. Glowrey erected a store, hotel, butcher's shop, and a Roman Catholic chapel and school in the township. The latter was built in 1868, having been for two years previous conducted in his private dwelling; divine service also being held there by the Rev. Father Slattery. In 1868 a blacksmith, carpenter, and shoemaker started in Garvoc. Mr. Glowrey is intimately identified with the rise and progress of the township, and owns the principal buildings in it. He was postmaster for several years.

Good, John, Grasmere, is a native of the county Cork, Ireland, who came to Melbourne by the ship *William Metcalfe*, in 1841, and, after staying there a few months, went to Grasmere in 1842, first taking up his present place, Injemira, in 1843, and afterwards purchasing it. During the gold fever he went to the Ballarat diggings for a few months. In 1857 he was a member of the local shire council, and in 1859 paid a visit to Great Britain, returning in 1861, and has been connected with the district ever since.

Grimshaw Bros., Bushfield. The business of this firm is carried on by the sons of John Grimshaw, who came out to Melbourne in 1834, and who travelled all over the Western District, to which he came in 1836, being one of the pioneers of the locality. The butchering business which is now extensively carried on by the Grimshaw Brothers at Bushfield, in the Warrnambool district, was only established about three years ago.

Harris, Samuel, Framlingham, was born in Devonshire, England, and arrived in South Australia about 1846, coming to Victoria in March, 1852. He first engaged in carrying to the different goldfields, and continued at that occupation thirteen years. In 1865 he selected land in the parish of Keilambete, near Framlingham, where he has ever since resided, and where he conducts his business of grazier.

Hill, William, Framlingham, was born in the county Armagh, Ireland, and arrived in Australia in 1856, going to Caramut, residing there for twenty-eight years, and buying land in that parish. He carried on grazing there for twelve years, then sold the property, and removed to Woodford, where he was farming two years. In 1885 he purchased property in the parish of Keilambete, where he now resides. He was married in 1862, and has a family of six sons and a daughter.

Hamilton, James, Dennington, is a native of Kirkstall, in the Western District of Victoria, who went at an early age on the *Rutledge Survey*. He has been on the Farnham Estate, Dennington, the property of Mr. W. R. Rutledge, for the last nine years, and was recently appointed manager of the property.

Jenkins, Allan, Grasmere, is a native of Dunoon, Argyshire, Scotland, who came out to this colony 28th June, 1838, by the ship *Registhan*, from London. He landed in South Australia, and came to Melbourne 9th March of the following year. He first went to the Upper Werribee with Campbell, of Otter, and Dr. Wilson. In March, 1840, he purchased a whaleboat with Donald Mackellar, and an allotment of land at Williams-town, whereon he built a house of two rooms with a brick chimney. In 1842 he was engaged in lime-burning at the Heads, but, not being successful at that, he started stock-riding at £25 a-year at Drysdale, and continued at it until 1847. Started spaying cattle with success till September, 1851, when he went to Fryers Creek, and, after remaining there thirteen weeks, took to farming at Woodford. Eventually he went to Grasmere in 1854, and settled down on his present homestead of Roseneath, where he carries on grazing and farming.

Jenkins, Jenkin, Grasmere, is a native of Swansea, South Wales, who came out to Australia in the ship *Gratitude* in 1849, landing in Adelaide, S.A. Three weeks later, however, he came on to Melbourne, where he remained working for some months. In January, 1850, he went to his present place, Vrowen, where he has since then been engaged in farming and grazing.

Jones, John, Grasmere, was born in Armagh, Ireland, and landed at Melbourne in the early part of 1842. He resided in various places between Emerald Hill and Dandenong for eight years, and then went to Spring Creek in the Western District. In 1852 he proceeded to the gold diggings at Forest Creek and the Loddon, staying a few months on each. He was on the Avoca for two seasons, and after that at Beaufort in its early days. Mr. Jones has been connected with the Western District since 1851, and took an active part in the formation of the Villiers and Heytesbury Agricultural Association, serving also on its committee. He now resides on his farm at Grasmere.

Kavanagh, John, Purnim, a native of Queen's County, Ireland, landed in Sydney, N.S.W., in 1840, from the ship *Sir Charles Napier*, and in August of that year came to Port Philip with his wife and family. He was first engaged farming with his brother at Moonee Ponds for three years, and then removed to Port Fairy, and took to dairy-farming, which he conducted successfully for three years. In 1851 he went to the Ballarat diggings, and afterwards to Mount Alexander (Castlemaine), and did well, returning to Port Fairy the same year, and again taking to

farming. In April, 1852, he visited Eaglehawk for a time, but again resumed dairying. In 1857 he removed to Dairy Hill, six miles from Belfast, and, in 1861, took up land at Purnim, where he built the Bush Inn, and has conducted it ever since.

Lee, John, Wangoom, was born in Tipperary, Ireland, and landed at Portland from the Runnymede in 1852, and proceeded to Port Fairy (Belfast), where he remained a year. In 1853 he went to Warnambool, and commenced farming near Russell's Creek, residing there four years, and then going to St. Mary's, Wangoom, where he took up his present property of 1000 acres, on which he is engaged dairy-farming. He milks about 140 cows. Mr. Lee has been a member of the Warnambool Council for over twelve years, and holds Her Majesty's commission of the peace for the Western District.

Lindsay, William, Woolsthorpe, is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who landed at Queen's Wharf, Melbourne, in 1842, where he remained two years, and, after being located on the Murray River a little while, proceeded to Woolsthorpe in 1844, where, at the Quainby station, he engaged in grazing, which he still carries on.

Mahood, James, Purnim, born in the North of Ireland, came out to this colony in 1863, landing at Melbourne. He first went to Warnambool, and worked at his trade of saddler there for three years, when he removed to Jerilderie, N.S.W., where he followed his trade for nearly eighteen years. In 1884 he purchased his present place, Blackwood Park, near Wangoom, settled down, and has been ever since engaged in farming and grazing on it.

M'Donald, John R., Framlingham, was born in Inverness, Scotland, and arrived in Australia, landing with his parents in Sydney, N.S.W., in 1839. His father, the late Ewen M'Donald, was an early pioneer of Victoria, and followed various pursuits until the outbreak of the diggings in 1851, when he went to Forest Creek (Chewton), and died there in 1853. In 1867 Mr. John R. M'Donald selected land in the parish of Keilambete, near Framlingham, where he has since resided, carrying on the avocation of grazier.

M'Phail, Donald, Grasmere, is a native of Argyleshire, Scotland. He came out to this colony in 1854, landing at Portland, whence he went straight to Belfast, and remained there until 1866. He then took up his present place, Glen Avon, and has been engaged farming and grazing on it since that time.

Miller, Frederick, Yangery, was born at Tower Hill, in the Western District of Victoria, and after devoting himself to farming at that place for a number of years, he, about sixteen years since, took up his residence at Pleasant Bank, the name of his estate at Yangery. Mr. Miller has long been connected with the local agricultural association.

Miller, Isaac William, Allansford, is a native of Tower Hill, Victoria. In 1861 his family removed to the Merri River, and remained there twenty-four years, and in 1885 he leased his present place, Meadow Bank, where he carries on general and dairy farming.

Morgan, Charles, Allansford, is a native of this colony, born at Allansford, where he learned his trade of blacksmith fifteen years ago. He established his present business of general blacksmith and agricultural implement-maker in Allansford two years since. Mr. Morgan has taken a considerable number of first and second prizes for his work.

Munro, John, Framlingham, was born in Scotland, and came to Australia in 1864, landing at Williamstown. He resided for some time in Warnambool, and afterwards in Purnim and Woodford, and in 1874 went to Framlingham, and purchased the general store he now keeps from Mr. B. Lee, whose predecessor was Mr. William Mitchell, who opened it in 1866.

Murnane, William, Panmure, is a native of Victoria, born in Warnambool. He was bullock-driving for about fourteen years, went to Panmure and lived there and in the neighbourhood fourteen years, and about two years since took up his present place, where he now follows the avocation of a farmer.

Murphy, John, Panmure, is a native of the Port Fairy district. His father, the late Mr. Edward Murphy, was one of the pioneers of Victoria, who, after living in Melbourne for a time, went to Belfast, and carried on

a boot and shoe business there, afterwards proceeding to the Ballarat goldfields, and conducting a general store on those diggings until his death. In 1865 his widow selected land, and was farming for about five years, when she sold the property, and went to the parish of Garvoc, selecting 374 acres at what was then known as Pine Ridge. In 1873 Mr. John Murphy purchased the property, and now resides on it, carrying on the business of a grazier and dairy and cheese farmer. The latter branch of the business he has gone into extensively, and works it out on the latest improved system.

Napthine, Mrs. Jane, Garvoc, was born in Ireland, and arrived in Australia in 1859. Her late husband, Mr. Benjamin Napthine, was a native of Suffolk, England, who arrived in Australia in 1852, and followed the gold-digging pursuit for about fifteen months, when he went to Warnambool, where he built the first draper's shop in the township. He next went to Wangoom, where he was engaged in farming for about two years; after which he removed to Terang, and, purchasing the Terang Hotel, conducted it for four years. In 1865 he selected 600 acres of land in the parish of Keilambete, remaining there until his death, in January, 1887, prior to which he had also purchased 1400 acres additional, making in all 3000 acres in one block. He married in 1860, and left a widow (who continues to carry on the business of grazier and dairy farmer) and a family of four sons and four daughters.

Nichol, Gilbert and Robert, Grasmere, are natives of this colony, born in Geelong. Their father came from Aberdeen, Scotland, and took up the present place, Rosehill, over thirty years ago. He was connected with the then road board for the district. The farm was taken over by the brothers Nichol some six years ago, and they reside on it and carry on grazing and farming. The property has an acreage of over 560 acres.

Nicol, Gideon, Panmure, a native of Scotland, came to Melbourne in January, 1859, and proceeded to Warnambool. In 1865 he selected the land in the parish of Garvoc, where he now resides, and on which, from its being so heavily timbered, he spent over £14 an acre for clearing. In 1879 he was elected a member of the Warnambool shire council, and filled that office for three years, when he resigned. He married in 1866, and has a family of three sons and five daughters.

Nicol, Captain James, Panmure, was born on the banks of the Don, Old Aberdeen, Scotland, and followed seafaring from 1858 until 1881. His first visit to Australia was as chief officer of the ship *Pleiades*, from Hong Kong, when he remained in Victoria six months, after which he spent two years in running between England and America. He then joined the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company for five years, his first expedition being on a section of the Australian telegraph cable. He also assisted in laying the cable to the West India islands. In 1881 he retired from the sea, and remained three years in Europe, after which he came to Australia, settled near Panmure, and carries on the occupation of grazier.

O'Brien, John, Panmure, is a native of North America, who came out to this colony in 1863, landing at Melbourne, and proceeded to the Ballarat, Jim Crow ranges, and Daylesford diggings. In 1865 he took to coach-driving, being one of the first to drive a coach through between Melbourne and Sale. At this he continued about a year, then followed the same pursuit for seven or eight years between Geelong and Colac, for four or five years between Colac and Panmure, and for about six years between Panmure and Belfast. In 1883 he took the Commercial Hotel, Panmure, which he now conducts in connection with the coaching and booking office.

O'Keefe, Arthur, Wangoom, is a native of county Clare, Ireland, who came to Melbourne per Commodore Perry, 4th December, 1861, and was first two years farming in the Green Hills district. He then went to Belfast, and has been connected with the district for over twenty-three years. In 1872 he took Lake View farm, his present place, on which he has been farming and grazing ever since. Mr. O'Keefe has also properties at Garvoc and Kolora.

O'Shea, John, Wangoom, a native of Cork, in Ireland, came to Melbourne by the Albion in 1857. He remained three months, and then went to the Bendigo diggings for three years, when he proceeded to Mortlake, and worked a farm for ten or eleven years. In 1871 he went to Framlingham, and to Purnim in 1874, staying there until about three years since, when he occupied his present place at Lake Wangoom as a farmer and grazier. Mr. O'Shea is largely identified with horse-racing, having prominent connection with the well-known Western District horse Simpleton, and the hurdle racer Break o'Day.

Page, Edward A., Garvoc, was born in Norwich, Norfolk, England, and arrived in Melbourne in 1866, going thence to New South Wales, and remaining there eleven years, when he went back to England, and spent a year there. He then returned to Victoria and settled at West Framlingham. After a stay of four years he purchased the Spring Bank farm in the parish of Terang, near Garvoc; the following year, 1881, went to reside on it, and has remained there since, carrying on the business of a grazier. He married in 1881, and has a family of three children.

Page, John H., Garvoc, was born in Norwich, England, in 1850, and arrived in Melbourne in 1873. He proceeded at once to the Western District, and, after living there fifteen months, removed to the Wimmera District, where he resided for two-and-a-half years. He next removed to Riverina, N.S.W., and spent a similar length of time in that locality. About 1879 he returned to the Western District, and leased a farm at West Framlingham, carrying on business as a grazier for four years, and finally, in 1884, purchased his present homestead near Garvoc where he is engaged in the same avocation.

Parkinson, Louis, Mailor's Flat, is a native of Hawkstone, Cambridgeshire, England, who came out to this colony by the ship Ellen, and landed at Portland, 14th November, 1852. He was engaged for a short time in engine-driving, and afterwards for four years in carrying on the roads. He next, in 1863, took to driving a threshing-machine on his own account and the first travelling chaff-cutting machine on the roads of Victoria. In 1869 he commenced hotel-keeping at the Foresters' Arms Hotel, in the Warrnambool district, and two years ago removed to his present one, the Mailor's Flat Hotel.

Phillips, Henry, Purnim, a native of Somersetshire, England, came out to Victoria in 1842, landing at Melbourne. He removed to the Geelong district, where he remained seven years, afterwards purchasing his present station, Bryan O'Lynn, at Purnim, in 1867. Bryan O'Lynn is a well-known stud station, and has one of the largest blood studs in Australia. Mr. Phillips has been specially fortunate in breeding winners, amongst which he numbers Commotion, Adelaide, Bryan O'Lynn, Panic, and others. The station contains about 1000 acres, twenty-three acres of which, on the bank of the Merri River, is laid down as a hop garden. Mr. Phillips has stations also at Ellerslie, West Framlingham, and Ballangeich.

Randall, Joseph, Woodford, was born in England, and came out at an early age with his parents to Australia, they settling at Woodford. He was engaged for ten years on Mr. George Virtue's farm, where he learnt the art of bacon-curing, and, in 1875, established himself in the business of bacon-curer in Woodford in a very small way. In 1886, so greatly had his business increased, that the number of pigs killed in his establishment in that year was over 2000. Mr. Randall has also a large fruit garden under cultivation.

Rees, Thomas, Garvoc, was born in Wales, and arrived in Australia in 1863 by the ship Clara, of London. He went to Terang from Melbourne, and purchased land in the parish of Garvoc, where he has since resided, carrying on business as a grazier and dairy farmer,

Robinson, James, Grasmere, was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, and came out to Australia in the early part of 1857, landing at Melbourne. He first went to Warrnambool, and remained there about a year. Next he proceeded to the diggings on and round about the Ovens district, and, going back to Warrnambool, was with Wood and Yeoman for two years, after which he took a farm on his own account, but in a short time gave it up. Ultimately he took his present place, Glenco, about twenty years since. He was nominated vice-president of the local agricultural society in 1886, and retired in 1887, and is a member of the Koroit Agricultural Society. He is engaged principally in dairy-farming, and milks over eighty cows. In his younger days Mr. Robinson was a great prize-taker in ploughing matches, and is now chosen judge in most of such matches.

Rule, John, Woodford, is a native of Cambridge, England, who landed at Belfast, Victoria, in 1853, and a month after his landing went to Denning-ton, then to Tower Hill, and afterwards to Woodford, where he leased a place for three years, and then purchased his present property, Woodford Cottage. Mr. Rule carries on the business of carrier.

Rutledge, Thomas Foster, Dennington, is a son of the late Mr. William Rutledge (see Rutledge, William Rupert). Mr. T. F. Rutledge resides on the portion of the estate known as Werrongurt, with the cultivation of which he occupies himself. He devotes considerable

attention to public matters, and is a member of the Warrnambool shire council, and has occupied the presidential chair. He holds Her Majesty's commission of the peace for the Western District.

Rutledge, William Rupert, Dennington, is a son of the late Mr. William Rutledge, a well-known landed proprietor and old resident of the Western District, who was the original owner of the special survey of 5225 acres of first-class land known as Wm. Rutledge's Special Survey, and otherwise as Farnham Park, lying between the township of Dennington on Merri River, and the borough of Koroit, in the parish of Yangery, and near Tower Hill. The property of Farnham Park was, on the death of Mr. Rutledge, left to his two sons, Mr. T. F. Rutledge and Mr. W. R. Rutledge. Mr. W. R. Rutledge was born at Port Fairy, educated in England and the North of Ireland, and has taken up his residence on the portion of the estate now properly known as Farnham Park, where he carries on grazing and agricultural pursuits.

Sharpe, W. J., Allansford, is a native of Victoria, born at Tooram, near Allansford, and carries on the occupation of general and dairy farming on his place, Pinegrove, Allansford.

Smith, James, Wangoom, is a native of Manchester, England, who emigrated to Tasmania in 1836, and remained there twelve years. In 1848 he went to Portland, and, after a time, to Belfast. In 1858 he proceeded to Melbourne, afterwards visiting the diggings at Ballarat and Sandy Creek. He then settled down to farming on his homestead, on the Wangoom-road, Wangoom, where he now resides.

Swan, David, Allansford, is a native of Perthshire, Scotland. Landing in Geelong in 1849, he made up into the bush, and went sheep-keeping at Buninyong. Two years afterwards he commenced carrying with a team of bullocks, and, going to Ballarat, he sold his stock off successfully. After the first land sale at that place, he purchased a piece of land at Burrumbeet, and started farming; and then, buying a piece at Windermere, he remained on it for some time. Eventually going to the Warrnambool district, he purchased 1600 acres at Swan Hill, Allansford, on which he has resided, carrying on business as a grazier, for the last twenty years. Mr. Swan has also a lease of 2000 acres at Sunbury.

Somerville, Mrs. John, Panmure, was born in Scotland, and came out to Australia in 1849, landing at Williamstown, and remained a short time in Melbourne. She married in 1853, and settled at Wangoom, where her husband carried on farming for twelve years, and then removed to the present homestead at Panmure, selecting land and carrying on the occupation of grazing and cheese-farming. Mrs. Somerville's family consists of five sons and two daughters.

Spiers, Alexander, Garvoc, was born in Scotland, and arrived in Melbourne in 1855, going to Warrnambool, staying there two years, and then at Mortlake for a time. In 1861, in partnership with others, he erected a sawmill at Emu Creek, one mile from the township of Garvoc, well known in the district as the Yallock saw-mills. The partnership continued until 1866, when Mr. Spiers became sole proprietor, and has carried on the business ever since. About 1869 he purchased land in the parish of Garvoc, adjoining the mill; and, having added to it from time to time, now owns 1300 acres. Mr. A. Spiers was the first man to settle in the Garvoc district, with the exception of the person (Mr. M. Curtain) who took up the Yallock station.

Stewart, John George, Grasmere, is a native of the North of Ireland, who came out to Melbourne in July, 1876. A few days after his arrival he proceeded to the Warrnambool district, where he was engaged in farming until in January, 1886, he took the Grasmere Inn and general store, which he now conducts. In connection with the hotel and store is the local post and money-order office.

Thomas, Richard P., Dennington, is a native of Waterford, Ireland, who came to Victoria in 1857. He landed in Melbourne, and, after staying there about a year, proceeded to Dennington, where he has been engaged as the head teacher of the State-school from the date of its commencement in 1859 up to the present. He also carries on farming at his residence, Riversdale, within a short distance of the township, on the left bank of the Merri River.

Toleman, Joseph, Garvoc, is son of the late Mr. William Toleman, a resident of the colony from 1841 until 1878, the year of his death. He came out by the ship Gilmore, spent a year in Melbourne, seven years in station life at Mortlake, Koort-Koort-Nong, and Minjah Stations. In

1851 he leased a dairy farm from Mr. Joseph Ware, staying on it five years. At that time cheese was sold at 35. 6d. per lb. In 1856 he purchased land at Mortlake, and carried on farming until 1873, and then selected land in Donald, where he remained until his death in 1878. His son, Mr. Joseph Toleman settled in Garvoc in 1864, and has resided there ever since. In 1876 he commenced store and hotel keeping, and in 1879 purchased land in the township and erected a store on it. He was postmaster for six years, and is the present deputy-registrar for the district of births, deaths, and marriages. Mr. J. Toleman bred Blackthorn, the winner of the Great National Steeplechase at Melbourne in 1883.

Vickers, Robert, Panmure, was born in Nottingham, England, and arrived in Australia in February, 1863. He first settled about twenty-five miles south of Wangaratta, and in 1867 went to the Western District and selected a run south-east of Panmure, occupying himself in grazing and dairy-farming. Mr. Vickers has a family of six sons and three daughters.

Whyte, James, Winslow, is a native of Warrnambool, Victoria, who was educated at the Training School, Melbourne, and was for some time engaged as relieving teacher. He is now in charge of the Winslow State-school No. 654. The school is a fourth-class one, and has an average attendance of sixty pupils.

Wickham, Mrs. E., Purnim, is the widow of the late Mr. Edward Wickham, a native of Kent, England, who came to Melbourne about fifty years ago, and purchased the present property, Purnim Farm, near Wangoom, thirty-two years since, on which he carried on general and dairy farming. The business is now carried on by his two sons, John and Edward, who are natives of the place. The farm has an area of about 320 acres,

Wilson, James and Richard, Woodford, are natives of the North of Ireland, who came out to Victoria many years ago, landing at Portland, whence they went to Belfast, and shortly afterwards to Tower Hill, remaining there six years. They then rented 200 acres of land on Rutledge's Survey, and were there six years. In 1867 they settled at Dundonald, their present place, where they carry on the breeding of horse stock-keeping two Clydesdale stallions and one blood horse, and being also engaged in farming and grazing.

Wilson, David, Allansford, is a native of Australia, born at Allansford. He completed his education in Melbourne, and returned to the homestead, Barslie Brae, in 1877. Mr. Wilson is engaged in grazing pursuits, and in rearing horse stock. Some of his racing stock has come well to the front.

Wilson, George John, Allansford, son of the late Mr. John Wilson, came from Dick's College, Edinburgh, landed at Melbourne in 1836, purchased land at the corner of Elizabeth and Lonsdale streets, Melbourne, in 1837, and opened a veterinary surgery and horse repository. Mr. G. J. Wilson was born in Victoria, 4th April, 1836. His father bought his present place, Strathallan, Allansford, in 1848, and occupied it in 1849. Mr. G. J. Wilson was, for a period of nine years, member of the borough and town council, and is now a member of the shire council of Warrnambool.

Bromfield, James Astley, fourth son of John Davenport Bromfield, born at Pershore, Worcestershire, England, 1823, arrived in Victoria 1852; occupation, that of a chemist until 1853. Held a seat in the shire council of Warrnambool for nine years, six of which as its president, and a seat in the borough council for a similar period, during which time, as its chairman, he turned the first sod in the Merri River deviation cutting—an extensive Government work. Held the office of justice of the peace, trustee of the Savings Bank, chairman of Western Steam Navigation Company, director of the gasworks, a member of the harbour committee, railway committee, and other public appointments. Mr. Bromfield is also occupied as a grazier and breeder of horses, having bred the celebrated steeplechasers Lone Hand and Lady Ashton, and other winners on the turf.