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Grimes as he led the party over the remainder of the journey to Queenscliffe was very confident. Governor King had sent him to walk around the foreshores of Port Phillip Bay to assess the possibility of forming a settlement in the southern Districts of New South Wales. He was not satisfied that prosperity awaited any such establishment. The natives he had found to be both friendly and helpful; there were enough streams to assure a good supply of water and the vegetation which survived so completely in the sandy soil gave proof that there was a good regular rainfall. Thus as the oars of the exploration boat cut into the calm waters of the bay on the way back to "Cumberland" a sense of satisfaction was the lot of its thin, bearded and weary crew members, in the knowledge that their mission had been a successful one.

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THE STORY FOR THIS MONTH

Australia Day Week-End, 1803.

An excerpt from "Saga of Moorabbin"

While the sloop "Cumberland" lay peacefully at anchor down Port Phillip Bay on the broiling mid-summer day of the thirty-first of January, 1803, a band of tired explorers whom she had brought from Sydney trudged the scorching sands of the nine-mile beach charting the foreshores. Their journey had begun on the day after their arrival, 26th January, exactly a quarter of a century-