

Extracts from Geo Mackays History of Bendigo 1891

Foundries of Bendigo Messrs Harkness & Co's Victoria Foundry Golden Square was commenced in a small way in 1858 by four practical workmen Messrs Brown, Espie, Braddish & Arundel. The firm prospered, but several changes occurred in the management, until in 1870 it consisted of Ruddock & Harkness. Subsequently Messrs R. Allingham & R. Lisle, succeeded Mr Ruddock in the firm but they retired in 1881 & 1886 leaving Mr Harkness sole proprietor.

The latter entered into several govt. contracts for the supply of Rolling Stock, one of which amounted to £24,000 & has been engaged in recent years, chiefly in the manufacture of winding & pumping machines, air-compressing machinery, & quartz-crushing batteries. The firm claims to have made the largest air-compressing plant in the district & one upon which it is now engaged to the order of Mr George Laessle, will be the largest in Australia. Mr Harkness has been successful competing for work in Victoria & the other colonies, & it will be readily understood that the plant of his establishment is of a superior character. Mr Harkness employs from 60 to 70 hands, & distributes about £7,000 per annum in wages.

Other Foundries Roberts & Sons started as general smiths with one forge in 1861. They subsequently removed to Wills St. --- had orders from Broken Hill South, for 3 pairs of direct-acting winding machines, engines, one duplex air compressor, 3 air receivers, four Cornish & Lancashire boilers, & 2 double cylinder punch air wrenches & 2 sets of pumping work. Other orders were made for Broken Hill, also they forwarded 3 air compressors to Wauk arunga South Australia. In 1891 they had on hand a large contract for the Launceston Weir to the order of Mr A. O'Keefe, they have made & fixed on that weir the largest outlet valves made in the country.

Roberts & Sons employ from 70 - 80 hands and hope soon to increase that number. Central Foundry has been in existence for many years & does a large trade. The proprietors are Messrs Swallow, Lake, Beggs & Leaney.

Messrs Carr & Brown whose work is in Creek St make a specialty of ornamental castings for staircases, balconies & railings generally. Previous to this foundry founders had to send to Melbourne for castings etc.

W. C. Vahland 1870-73. J. Buckley 71-79. Allingham 76-79
 R. Clark 72-83 - H. Hattain 72-76 - E. Neill 73-78 A. Bayne 73-79
 and 79-86. J. A. Woodward 74-80 - D. E. Sterry 76-88 -
 W. E. Devoan 77-79 P. Hayes 78-91 W. G. Jackson 79-84
 A. Bailes 80-91 - A. Harkness 80-91 - A. Joseph 81-87
 J. Dilbridge 81-85 - S. H. McGowan 83-87 - Y. J. Crawley 85-88.
 J. C. Weddell 85-88. J. P. Carolin 86-91 - R. O'Neill 87-91
 J. R. Hoskins 88-91 - G. Pallett 88-91 P. Ellis 90-91
 C. Roeder 91 - D. B. Laganus 91 -

Present City Councillors (1891) Messrs Abbott, Bailes, Carolin,
 Harkness, Hoskins, Roeder, Ellis, O'Neill, Laganus -
 Annual value of rateable property in Bath City in 1856 was £90,647
 In year 1874 it amounted to £207,474. but in 1881 had
 fallen to £164,491 & in 1888 £162,922. In 1891 had risen to £167,023
 Rate struck in 1856 was 6 in £. Since 1860 had varied from 11/- to 1/6
 with occasional special rates of 3/- In 1893, owing to expiration
 of the Bath Corner lease, the Council will have the ad-
 vantage accruing from the possession of that property,
 equal in point of revenue to a 3/- rate.

Beside the Town Clerk Mr Devoan the principal
 Officers of the Council are Messrs G. Minto City Surveyor,
 W. Honeybone Receiver of Revenue, O. Kopper Rate Collector
 & Valuator, & G. Powell Asst. Town Clerk -

The movement to the constitution of Eglehawk into a
 separate Municipality took place in 1862. Election of
 Councillors was held on Sep. 5 with the result that Messrs
 J. T. Caldwell, J. Hodgson, R. Greive, Charles Letheby, J. Dowling
 James Lester, James Mowat, were returned. On 9th Sep.
 Mr Mowat was elected Chairman of the Municipality. Mr J. T.
 Caldwell was chairman in following year when it was proclaimed
 a Borough & was thus the first Mayor of Eglehawk.
 The Town Hall was built in 1864 at a cost of £1,600

The Foundation Stone of the Old Masonic Hall in Byers Street
 was laid in Jan 1856 by Bro J. C. Deacon. The Golden Lodge had
 been established in Sep 1854 - The foundation of the present Hall
 was laid in June 1873. by Bro J. Mc Intyre P.M. The Hall which cost
 £12,000 was opened in Oct following. It is of the Corinthian order
 of architecture, has a frontage of 100 ft with 6 pillars 38 feet high
 supporting the entablature and pediment, the whole producing a noble
 effect. - It is prettily decorated in the interior & the large hall has been
 very popular as a place for entertainments. Lately a stage with all
 the accessories of a well-appointed theatre has been added. The Masonic
 Order is well represented in Bendigo there being three Lodges - The Golden
 & Corinthian - Emerald - & Eglehawk. - Other Halls are the Oddfellows

2 Foundries contd

The firm also manufactures all classes of agricultural castings -

M^r Taylor Horsfield started business in Long Gully in 1883 but in 1889 owing to increase in business had to erect a new building containing new appliances M^r Horsfield employs 11 hands & like the other iron foundries turns out a large quantity of machinery for distant gold fields, his specialties being rock borers. The Eaglehawk Foundry which M^r Horsfield is the proprietor was started in Dec. 1890 & is practically in its infancy -

Other industrial establishments at this time are Suplemen-factories brick & tile works, powder & fuse factories, flour mills, bone mills, brush manufacturers, wire work establishment - Stone polishing works, boot factories, eucalyptus work, six breweries (producing 895-440 gallons of ale per year, & Cordial manufactories - the brewers are Coburn's Brewery Co., W. Bruce & Sons, Heaton,

Johnson - Illingworth, J. Farrow, J. Steward, & Pritchard - Chaablain Outside of Bendigo Edwards & Deebles Pyrites Works, Abbott's Tannery at the Sheppwash, & Burkes Woodstock Dairy & Butter & Cheese Factory are worthy of special mention:

Messrs Abbott & Co Tannery is principally engaged in preparing mill belt-leif, harness & shoe leather, & turns out 600 sides per week, & in addition to supplying the wants of Bendigo & neighbouring districts, exports several thousand sides annually to London. The appliances are of the most modern character & waste products are all profitably utilized. The Tannery is under the management of M^r R. H. S. Abbott and its success sufficiently indicates his ability. There is a warehouse in the City in connection with the Tannery, while at the boot factory of Messrs J. H. Abbott & Co's retail establishment there are employed 80 hands.

The principal Coachbuilders after the Rollney Stock works are those of St Scholten & March, & Downellan & Sheehan & M^r R. Nolan of M^r Craig St & E. Flood of Tarpers St - are the chief manufacturers of drays & waggons. There is great room in Bendigo for fruit preserving industries - mention must also be made of Day's asphalt works the quality of the material composing the majority of the footpaths in the City being superior to anything of the kind in the Colony.

Of manufactories, works, quarries etc, (exclusive of those connected with the mines) there were in Bendigo during the year ending March 1st 1890, 149 altogether, of which 40 were worked by steam, three by horse power, twelve by gas, one by water and 93 by manual labour. The total horse power employed was 555, the number of hands 1,652 males & 462 females. The approximate value of machinery & plant was £156,841; of the buildings £108,946, & of the buildings £157,588. Summarising the manufactories etc in Eaglehawk, Mairdun & Chaffieldscap the total was 44 & 33 worked by steam 1 by horse power & only manual labour

3 The total horse power was 431, heads numbered 313 - males
+ 4 females - approx value of machinery - plant £ 36,180 - Lamb
£ 4,020 - Buildings + improvements £ 23,775 - -

Bendigo is noted for the beauty of its streets by reason of the
long avenues of trees - Over 120 miles of streets in
the city 90 miles are planted with Elms, Oaks, Firs, & gums
and Bendigo has earned the name of the "Forest City" by reason
of their luxuriant growth - how well it deserves the name
will be evidenced by a glance at our extended views of the
City - Pall Mall where many of the buildings are obscured by
the dense foliage. The street trees are under the care of Mr
Roper, a most efficient officer, the city is also rich in
reserves, Rosalind Park an area of 66 acres situated in the
heart of the city being the chief - this reserve is very tastefully laid
out & includes within its borders a magnificent fernery covering
4 acres, a really enchanting retreat, it has been described by
competent authorities in the neighbouring colonies as the finest
fernery in Australia - Mr Lydas is the Curator (~~is~~ ~~think~~ ~~Mr~~ ~~Fletcher~~
~~was the originator~~) The Reserve around Lake Weersons is also
well laid out, while out of the city are the Botanical Gardens, covering
an area of 36 acres, & containing a "Zoo" all these reserves are
under the control of Mr S. G. Gadd - English Park has its Cantabury
Park, Lake Reserve, fernery & conservatory upon which the council
expends a considerable sum annually. Mr D. S. Smith is the curator
at Back Creek is Knight's nursery, which is a remarkable proof
of what can be done in the way of cultivating the abandoned
alluvial diggings - Mr Knight who is an enthusiastic & indefatigable
holiculturist, does a large trade with the metropolis - Mr J. P. Carlin
also has great faith in old diggings, & has devoted much attention
to the cultivation of several acres in the Bendigo Valley near White
Hills -

Bendigo in 1891 possesses a decided appearance of stability -
with its large area of only partially explored auriferous
territory & its numerous undeveloped reefs, there is every
reason to expect that it will, in many years to come retain
its reputation as a gold producing apart from this however, is
the fact that the Bendigo Station is the conveying point of many
railway lines, which tap districts rich in the productivity of
their soil & with the effective aid of irrigation many hitherto arid
districts will in time blossom like the rose - as the centre of a
large agricultural district, stretching northward to the Murray
Bendigo should continue to hold its own in the future as the chief
centre of population in the northern half of the colony of Victoria
Many of the pioneers whose deeds have been recorded in these pages
& many others who have rendered signal service in a quiet way, have
passed out of the world, leaving bright records of their lives of usefulness
Some are still amongst us, active & honored citizens - The work of
the Pioneers is almost finished - their best is well earned - & in
the natural order of events, their places are being taken by the younger
generation, who desire to emulate in a generous way the
achievements which enshrine their fathers' memories.

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1891.

Municipal - the Govt. Gazette of Friday 21st July 1871. Contained the proclamation of Southport as a City, according to the provisions of the Borough Statute. To attain this distinction, it was necessary in the Borough revenue in the preceding year to be £20,000. The Councillors at the time were C^{rs}. Boyd (Mayor) Burns & Moredouall in Sutton Ward, C^{rs}. Aspinall, Moran and Valland in Barkly Ward, & C^{rs}. Garsed, Mc Dulye & Holmes in Darling Ward.

On the death of Mr G. A. Fitcher, Town Clerk, in 1876. Mr D. Moredouall was appointed to the vacancy. He latter held office till his death in August 1890 when he was succeeded by Mr W. D. C. Devoan.

In August 1883 a loan of £25,000 - & Town Hall was completed. The following is a list of the various Chairmen & Mayors who have held office since the establishment of the Municipality in 1856 - The Municipality became a borough in 1863 so that chairmen became mayors in that year -

Jan 1856	E. W. Emmett	April 1868	J. Holmes	Aug 1880	P. Hayes
" 1857	J. F. Sullivan	Nov 1868	J. Holmes	" 1881	W. G. Jackson
" " 58	W. V. Squires	" " 69	F. Aspinall	" " 82	A. Harkness
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" " 60	J. H. Abbott	" " 71	D. Moredouall	" " 84	J. DeLbridge
" " 61	J. J. Casey	" " 72	" " "	" " 85	S. H. Mc Gowan
Sep " 62	R. Strickland	" " 73	F. Aspinall	" " 86	P. Hayes
Jan " 63	R. Burns	" " 74	J. A. Woodward	" " 87	T. J. Connolly
" " 63	J. Mc Dulye	Aug " 75	R. Clark	" " 88	J. Coker
Oct " 63	" " "	" " 76	H. Hattam	" " 89	J. P. Carolina
Nov " 64	" " "	Dec " 76	E. Thiel	" " 90	J. R. Hoskins
" " 65	" " "	Aug " 77	A. Bayne	" " 91	J. H. Abbott
" " 66	" " "	" " 78	D. C. Sterry		
" " 67	" " "	" " 79	J. A. Woodward		

The following is a list of the various members of the Council since 1856. The 14 seven comprised the first Council -
 E. W. Emmett 1856-57 J. F. Sullivan 1856-59 - J. Harney 56-58
 S. Jones 56 - Capt Bell 56-59 - W. V. Squires 56-60 - G. W. Haycock 56
 Harris 56-60 - W. H. Heale 1856-59 - M^r Doyall 59-58 Cahill 59-60
 J. H. Abbott 58-61 and 88-91 - Burns 58-59 - J. Mc Dulye 59-60
 also 62-71 - R. Strickland 59-62 - Carpenter 1859 - R. Burns 60-63
 and 65-71 and 79-81 - Symonds 60-62 - E. O'Keefe 60-67 - J. Boyd
 1860-62 & 63-72 - J. J. Casey 60-63 - Macartney 61-63 H. Jackson
 62-65 J. Holdsworth 62-63 & 67-69 J. Holmes 63-81 J. Moore
 63-67 63-67, Lane 63-65 - J. Coker 64-67 & 87-90
 Elliott 64-66, Inglis 65 to 67 - G. Aspinall 66-80 J. Latham 69-90
 E. Garsed 67-73 - D. Moredouall 67-76. M. Moran 69-72.

Golden Square Methodist Church
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From Chap 19 - The Churches - " Wesleyan local preachers were even before Dr Backhaus & these services were held in the open air - in tents, Towards the end of 1852 a building was erected for public worship on the ground of the present School house Golden Sq -

Methodism found an early root in Bendigo the pioneer local preacher being James Jeffrey - who arrived in the district early 1852.

Messrs Symons, Chapman were the 1st Methodist ministers engaged at Forest Creek, & both preached occasionally on Bendigo the former conducting the first services at Eaglehawk, Long Gully & Golden Gully - services were 1st held in Bendigo proper on Commissioners Flat - in 1852 in the open air. The first stone building used by the Wesleyans, was erected in Forest St in 1857. Two years later a similar building was erected at Golden Square & in 1863 the Eaglehawk Wesleyan Church was built. These buildings have all given place to new & more substantial ~~buildings~~ churches since, while many have also been erected in new districts. Of the ministers who have from time to time led the Methodist cause in the district, the following may be mentioned - Revs T. Roston, J. Dare, Doherty, Atkins, J. Burkford, G. Daniel, T James, W. Hill, W. P. Wells, W. J. Blaines, Willard, H. Bath, W. A. Fitchett, E. S. Burkford, J. W. Aldhouse, R. C. Flockhart, S. T. Withington, W. Williams, J. Harcourt, S. Williams, E. W. Nye, P. R. C. Usher, J. H. Ingham, A. Powell, J. S. Green, J. Comperthwaite, J. P. McCann, E. C. De Garis, ~~A. Lelean~~ A. Lelean, Scholes, & Bridgewood - & J. W. Tuckfield -

~~number~~ of Schools in Bendigo in August - 1854 was seven 2 were conducted under National Scheme, 3 were Wesleyan, one Pres. & 1 R. Cath.

The Wesleyans had a school at Sandhurst & another at White Hills, & a third at Golden Square -

~~Bible Christian Churches~~ United Methodist Churches Calver St, Drabard, & Golden Gully.

Primitive Methodist Churches Rowan St, Wake St, Buckley St
Rev. H. B. Barber - Eaglehawk & Sebastian Rev. A. Knudsen
Bible Christian Churches at Bendigo, Long Gully, Sheepwash, Cal Gully.
St Mungo, Egan Creek & Eaglehawk Rev. F. Lockwood.
McKenzie St Church. Rev. W. Hicks.

3/ ^{mutual} ~~Insurance~~ St. Killians & St. James Permanent
There are 3 Building Societies in Bendigo viz. Bendigo ^{Permanent} established 1865 Mr R. W. Brown Secretary. Commercial Permanent Mr W. J. Creeth Sec. The Sandhurst Mutual Permanent Mr H. Y. Both Manager - The Trustees & Executors' Agency Company of which Mr W. Davis is chairman & Mr J. Heeson manager was only established recently, but is growing greatly in public favor.

In connection with public buildings ~~in Bendigo~~ on Bendigo it should be mentioned that the firm of Messrs Vahlund and Getzchmann of which Mr W. C. Vahlund is the surviving partner, has performed the architectural work in the most of them - As instances, the new Town Hall, the Hospital, additions to the Asylum, the Forest St Wesleyan Church, the Congregational Church, the Royal Princess' Theatre & the Masonic Hall may be enumerated. Other architects in the past were Mr Love who designed the Asylum, & St Pauls Church, Mr Fletcher who designed the original Town Hall: Messrs H. E. Tolhurst, A. L. Smith, Burgoyne, Duncan, Brady, & Lurubell. In addition to Mr Vahlund in the present day (1891) are Messrs, J. Bain, Beebe & Son & Manerbaum - as builders in the past the most prominent were Messrs G. Pallett senior & junior, Adams, Cooper, Murphy, Albert Nassell ^{Beaghill}, Saunders, Myett, Mr Lean & Coombe Bros. while in present day are Messrs U. Loopstatt, T. Patterson, L. Button, G. H. Button, B. Button, J. F. Pennell, D. H. Bosselmann, G. Sweeney, W. Johns, W. H. Johns (who built Taraxolle), Reeves & Son, T. Danton, H. Vahlund, A. Kennedy, T. Singleton, C. Millward & Son, Galbraith, J. Taylor & Jenkins. Messrs Adams & Pallett built the original Town Hall, the Railway Station & many business establishments. Mr G. Pallett Junior was the contractor in the greater part of Lake Meerona. Mr J. Bowpen built the Bowen Wimp at the Hospital, the Corn Exchange, the Wesleyan Church Forest St, the Masonic Hall the Theatre, & Charing Cross Bridge - Mr Z. Button built the latest additions to the Town Hall, and the additions to the Asylum. Mr Bosselmann & Mr Sweeney built the School of Mines, & Mr Bosselmann built St Killians Hall. The Charing Cross Fountain was built by Mr T. Saunders, Mr P. Finn doing the polishing work.

George & Joseph