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The Bendigo Pottery - which gave employment to a large staff & turned out some excellent crockery ware, earthenware, fancy ware, piping etc. The Pottery works are situated at Epson, where clay, suitable for the purposes of manufacture may be obtained in abundance. Mr G. D. Guthrie who established the Pottery in 1858 commenced with 2 boys; but it was not till the Railway was built, that the industry assumed respectable dimensions. In 1866 he opened a depot at Melbourne for acid bottles, and all kinds of brown stoneware, the trade has grown steadily - as the Country has been opened up, and as population has increased. In 1874 he added steam power, & has now 3 engines, the largest of thirty five horse power & the smallest of 8. He produces Majolica, Barbotine, Sevres, & other continental art pottery, & finds a ready market.

Some years ago his business was taken over by a company; & more recently Mr Guthrie went to the Old Country, visited some of the leading potteries & brought back with him many labour-saving appliances. His manufactures now range from the humblest flower-pot to the finest ornamental art pottery. He has been signally successful in the manufacture of Bristol ware, the body of the ware, & the glaze equalling the best home makes.

The works cover about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres; there are eleven (11) kilns, which are burnt every week; there is a Railway siding with rails up to the warehouse door.

There is abundance of clay in the neighbourhood, suitable for a base, other clays being brought from elsewhere, such as China Clay from Tal Tal. About one hundred (100) hands are employed, & over £400 are paid every fortnight for wages & fuel.

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