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MOVED TO DANDENONG 1915 FROM BULN BULN
CLOSE TO RAILWAY AND CONVENIENCES.

JANUARY 17TH 1929

EXPANDING - EXTENTIONS TO BUILDING @ £600.

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DANDENONG INDUSTRIES

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HUGH MURRAY & SONS 24 Dec 1914
A NEW INDUSTRY FOR DANDENONG

Messrs Hugh Murray and Son, of Buln Buln, have recently purchased a block of land in the Station Estate, Dandenong, and intended carrying on the business of implement manufactures. At present the intention is to start operations in February. The firm specialises in maize cultivators but will also attend to the manufacture of other agricultural implements at the works.

HUGH MURRAY & SONS 8 April 1915
STEEL HARROW MANUFACTORY

The appended article from the West Gippsland "Gazette," has been published in circular form by Messrs Hugh Murray and Son, whose advertisement appears on our first page.

As an illustration of what is possible of accomplishment in a provincial centre, the Steel Harrow Manufactory of Messrs Hugh Murray & Son, of Buln Buln, is an excellent example. Founded in a small way by Mr Murray, about ten years ago, it has grown and developed in such a remarkable manner that he has now decided to remove to a more convenient and commodious centre, where the increasing orders for his Steel Harrows can be more efficiently coped with. Mr Murray commenced his in Buln Buln as a general smith, but yielding to one of those inspirations which come to men who are worthy of advancement, he decided to pay special attention to the Harrow Department of his business.

He had no sooner turned out two or three sets than he was gratified to receive not only repeat orders, but orders from new customers whom he had never heard of before. Encouraged by this success, he applied himself to the task of forging a special make of Harrow, which would combine the finest material procurable, with excellence of honest workmanship. He established agencies in different parts of the state, and he exhibited at various shows in the leading provincial centres. These exhibits invariably, without exception, were awarded the first prize. In the Melbourne Show, during the past two years, Messrs Murray and Son have had the largest exhibit of harrows in the show, and the variety of designs gave a good indication of the extent of their clientele.

Such a good record naturally gave great encouragement to the exhibitor while orders came in from different and distant parts of the State. Additional labour had to be obtained, and eventually machinery of the latest design was installed in the small factory at Buln Buln, in order to cope with the constantly increasing output.

This gratifying and rapid growth in the business has at length necessitated removal to a more convenient centre, and Messrs Murray and Son have now purchased a fine site at Dandenong, close to the railway, and adjoins the Gippsland and Northern Selling Company's butter box manufactory. On this site they are having a spacious factory erected, as they intend, in the near future, to manufacture ploughs and other farm implements as well as harrows. The demand for the latter is now thoroughly established throughout the State, and Mr Murray accounts for the splendid success of the firm by his adherence to the principle of being thorough in every detail, and putting into his products the very best that material, skill and honest workmanship can command. The result is a first – class article of the highest type, which is both a pleasure to the purchaser and a credit to the maker. Hence the repeat and other orders, of which no less than £300 worth had to be turned down last year owing to the restricted accommodation.

This sacrifice on the part of the firm, and disappointment to valued customers, is the reason for their removal to Dandenong, where we hope, in years to come, they will achieve all the success they deserve.

18 MAY 1922
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Messrs Hugh Murray & Son, harrow makers, Dandenong, Have just issued an interesting leaflet ; the information published is a fine advertisement for the firm.

We extract the following, adding that the farmers referred to are all strong "Murray men";
"During the last 18 years, Murrays' Harrows have been quickly coming into favour with the Farmers throughout the Commonwealth. More especially amongst the "big area" men – men who have made a science of the farming industry.

As a further illustration of the worth of these Harrows, the appended extract from Melbourne "Argus" of the 27 th March, 1922, needs no comment:-

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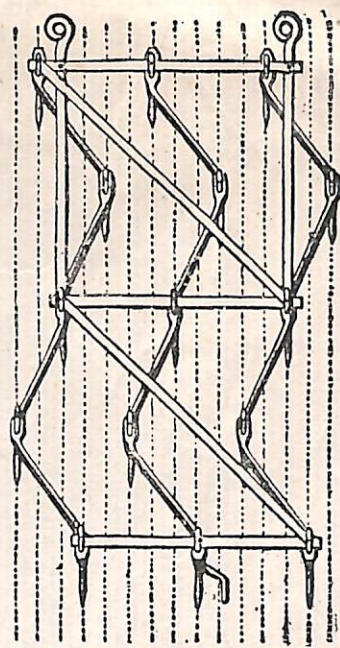
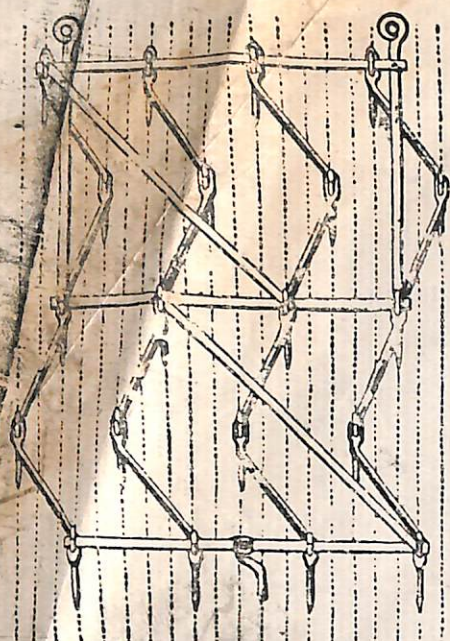
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CENTRAL DRAUGHT All Steel

The Cheapest and Best on
the Market

With Couplings, Skids and
Draw Bars Complete

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2 1/2 inch Cut. Heavy.

4 Beam 1 Section, cover 4 ft.	weight, 100 lbs.	... £4 3 6	3 Beam 3 Sections, cover 9 ft.	weight, 228 lbs.	£10 1 0
4 " 2 " " 8 ft.	" 200 lbs.	... 8 7 0	3 " 4 " " 12 ft.	" 304 lbs.	13 8 0
4 " 3 " " 12 ft.	" 300 lbs.	... 12 10 6	3 " 5 " " 15 ft.	" 380 lbs.	16 15 0
4 " 4 " " 16 ft.	" 400 lbs.	... 16 14 0	3 " 6 " " 18 ft.	" 456 lbs.	20 2 0
4 " 5 " " 20 ft.	" 500 lbs.	... 20 17 6	3 " 7 " " 21 ft.	" 532 lbs.	23 9 0
4 " 6 " " 24 ft.	" 600 lbs.	... 25 1 0	3 " 8 " " 24 ft.	" 608 lbs.	26 16 0

2 1/2 inch Cut. Heavy.

4 Beam 2 Sections, cover 7 ft. 6 in.	weight, 190 lbs.	... £8 0 0	3 Beam 2 Sections, cover 5 ft. 9 in.	weight, 144 lbs.	£6 1 0
4 " 3 " " 11 ft. 3 in.	" 285 lbs.	... 12 0 0	3 " 4 " " 8 ft. 6 in.	" 216 lbs.	9 1 6
4 " 4 " " 15 ft.	" 380 lbs.	... 16 0 0	3 " 5 " " 11 ft. 6 in.	" 288 lbs.	12 2 0
4 " 5 " " 18 ft. 9 in.	" 475 lbs.	... 20 0 0	3 " 6 " " 14 ft. 3 in.	" 360 lbs.	15 2 6
4 " 6 " " 22 ft. 6 in.	" 570 lbs.	... 24 0 0	3 " 7 " " 17 ft.	" 432 lbs.	18 3 0
4 " 7 " " 26 ft. 3 in.	" 665 lbs.	... 28 0 0	3 " 8 " " 20 ft.	" 504 lbs.	21 3 6
4 " 8 " " 30 ft.	" 760 lbs.	... 32 0 0	3 " 9 " " 22 ft. 9 in.	" 576 lbs.	24 4 0

2 1/2 inch Cut. Medium.

4 Beam 2 Sections, cover 7 ft. 6 in.	weight, 180 lbs.	... £7 14 0	3 Beam 2 Sections, cover 5 ft. 9 in.	weight, 136 lbs.	£5 16 0
4 " 3 " " 11 ft. 3 in.	" 270 lbs.	... 11 11 0	3 " 3 " " 8 ft. 6 in.	" 204 lbs.	8 14 0
4 " 4 " " 15 ft.	" 360 lbs.	... 15 8 0	3 " 4 " " 11 ft. 6 in.	" 272 lbs.	11 12 0
4 " 5 " " 18 ft. 9 in.	" 450 lbs.	... 19 5 0	3 " 5 " " 14 ft. 3 in.	" 340 lbs.	14 10 0
4 " 6 " " 22 ft. 6 in.	" 540 lbs.	... 23 2 0	3 " 6 " " 17 ft.	" 408 lbs.	17 8 0
4 " 7 " " 26 ft. 3 in.	" 630 lbs.	... 26 19 0	3 " 7 " " 20 ft.	" 476 lbs.	20 6 0
4 " 8 " " 30 ft.	" 720 lbs.	... 30 16 0	3 " 8 " " 22 ft. 9 in.	" 544 lbs.	23 4 0

2 inch Cut. Light Medium.

4 Beam 2 Sections, cover 6 ft. 9 in.	weight, 128 lbs.	... £6 19 0	3 Beam 2 Sections, cover 5 ft.	weight, 98 lbs.	£5 5 0
4 " 3 " " 10 ft.	" 192 lbs.	... 10 8 6	3 " 3 " " 7 ft. 6 in.	" 147 lbs.	7 17 6
4 " 4 " " 13 ft. 6 in.	" 256 lbs.	... 13 18 0	3 " 4 " " 10 ft.	" 196 lbs.	10 10 0
4 " 5 " " 16 ft. 9 in.	" 320 lbs.	... 17 7 6	3 " 5 " " 12 ft. 6 in.	" 245 lbs.	13 2 6
4 " 6 " " 20 ft.	" 384 lbs.	... 20 17 0	3 " 6 " " 15 ft.	" 294 lbs.	15 15 0
4 " 7 " " 23 ft. 6 in.	" 448 lbs.	... 24 6 6	3 " 7 " " 17 ft. 6 in.	" 343 lbs.	18 7 6
4 " 8 " " 27 ft.	" 512 lbs.	... 27 16 0	3 " 8 " " 20 ft.	" 392 lbs.	21 0 0

2 inch Cut. Very Light.

4 Beam 2 Sections, cover 6 ft. 9 in.	weight, 100 lbs.	... £6 11 0	3 Beam 3 Sections, cover 7 ft. 6 in.	weight, 114 lbs.	£7 8 6
4 " 3 " " 10 ft.	" 150 lbs.	... 9 16 6	3 " 4 " " 10 ft.	" 152 lbs.	9 18 0
4 " 4 " " 13 ft. 6 in.	" 200 lbs.	... 13 2 0	3 " 5 " " 12 ft. 6 in.	" 190 lbs.	12 7 6
4 " 5 " " 16 ft. 9 in.	" 250 lbs.	... 16 7 6	3 " 6 " " 15 ft.	" 228 lbs.	14 17 0
4 " 6 " " 20 ft.	" 300 lbs.	... 19 13 0	3 " 7 " " 17 ft. 6 in.	" 266 lbs.	17 6 6
4 " 7 " " 23 ft. 6 in.	" 350 lbs.	... 22 18 6	3 " 8 " " 20 ft.	" 304 lbs.	19 16 0
4 " 8 " " 27 ft.	" 400 lbs.	... 26 4 0	3 " 9 " " 22 ft. 6 in.	" 342 lbs.	22 5 6

"Jinglers," for cultivating Onion, Maize and Potato Crops.

HEAVY.			LIGHT.		
4 Beam 2 Sections, cover 6 ft.	weight, 64 lbs.	... £4 8 0	4 Beam 2 Sections, cover 6 ft.	weight, 48 lbs.	£4 1 0
4 " 3 " " 9 ft.	" 96 lbs.	... 6 12 0	4 " 3 " " 9 ft.	" 72 lbs.	6 1 6
4 " 4 " " 12 ft.	" 128 lbs.	... 8 16 0	4 " 4 " " 12 ft.	" 96 lbs.	8 2 0
4 " 5 " " 15 ft.	" 160 lbs.	... 11 0 0	4 " 5 " " 15 ft.	" 120 lbs.	10 2 6
4 " 6 " " 18 ft.	" 192 lbs.	... 13 4 0	4 " 6 " " 18 ft.	" 144 lbs.	12 3 0
4 " 7 " " 21 ft.	" 224 lbs.	... 15 8 0	4 " 7 " " 21 ft.	" 168 lbs.	14 3 6
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OTHER SIZES MADE TO ORDER

The above Harrows are well fitted with Oval Steel Tines (driven), except the "Jinglers," the Tines of which are of Round Steel. Above weights are approximate, and do not include draw bars

TESTIMONIALS Received from all parts of the Commonwealth. Material and Workmanship Guaranteed. Terms Arranged

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