

# MARKET - STOCK

## 1. OPENING OF NEW STOCK MARKET

14<sup>th</sup> JAN  
1958

## 2. AUCTIONEERS AT D'NONG STOCK MARKET

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### Opening by Premier

## 12-acre Market for Dandenong

Dandenong's new live stock market — probably the most modern of its type in Australia was opened yesterday by the Premier (Mr. Bolte).

The first stage of the project cost £110,000, and Dandenong shire council expects to spend a total of £210,000.

The completed market, with sheep, pig and poultry sections, will cover about 12 acres and is expected to be operating by the end of the year.

The Premier (Mr. Bolte) said: "I believe the yards are unique in the sense that I have not seen any yards built over the past decade."

"As we expand our primary industries, so must

we expand the facilities to go with them."

The market superintendent (Mr. H. Jordan) said the sheep section initially would cope with 6000 head, but eventually would yard 30,000.

The pig yards would hold 1200-1500 pigs and about 3500 calves and poultry.

### Oldest Firm

Mr. Jordan said the market, which will be a trade centre for most of the east of the State, was the biggest of its type outside any Australian capital city.

Representing the oldest cattle-selling firm in Gippsland, Mr. Stewart Scott, managing director of Alex Scott & Co. Pty. Ltd., sold the first stock in the new yards—nine prime Hereford bullocks, for £63 5/ each.

Mr. Scott's father started selling cattle in Dandenong in 1889.

## They're part of market...

For countrymen, the stock market is the focal point of Dandenong. Oldest of the auctioneers still operating there would be TOM CARROLL and STEWART SCOTT, both of them household names in the market.

Stewart Scott, principal of the old-established auctioneering firm of Alex Scott and Co. Pty. Ltd., was born in Stud Rd., Dandenong, in 1903 and attended Dandenong State School 1403 until he was 11.

From 1919 to 1931 he never saw Dandenong. Then, following the death of old-timers Ernie Williams and Ernie Sanders, he was sent for to come back and take charge of his father's company with the late Percy Smale as his right-hand man.

That was Stewart Scott's first introduction to Dandenong Market, and he was a very raw recruit when he first mounted the selling rostrum. At that time Tom Carroll was an auctioneer with the firm's Melbourne branch.

Although he only sells an occasional pen now—he leaves that to the younger brigade, while he concentrates on land sales—Stewart Scott still regularly attends the market.

For the past 34 years he has been an auctioneer on behalf of the 80-year-old firm. Until his late father, Alex Scott, bought Mr. Hyde out in 1886, the firm was Hyde and Howard. Then it became Howard and Scott.

George Howard was Alex Scott's brother-in-law and Mr. Scott became the sole proprietor of the old firm when, on August 15, 1895, he bought out his brother-in-law's half-share for no less than £200! From then on the firm's name has been Alex Scott and Co. Pty. Ltd.

★ Tom Carroll, another of the grand old auctioneers at the stock market was born at Malvern but

came to Dandenong when only seven.

He first took up the auctioneer's hammer at Newmarket about 1918 while working for Gippsland and Northern. His contemporaries in the firm in those days included the late Chris Melgaard and Robert Gunn — the two last-named being attached to G & N's Dandenong office. *John Kelly, man x*

For nine and a half years, Tom Carroll was with Alex Scott and Co. in Melbourne, occasionally selling for them at Dandenong.

On October 4, 1930, Tom started in business on



Cr. Tom Carroll

his own account, and the firm of Thos. P. Carroll soon became well-known in the market, and throughout the district. Always a colorful personality—and a good hearted one at that—Tommy Carroll carried on until about 1954, when he sold to John McNamara and Co., for whom he is now Dandenong manager.

He can still sell with the best of them but is quite happy to just keep his hand in now and again, because his son, Brian, has stepped into his auctioneering shoes.

But you can always see Tom Carroll down at the market

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