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Mr J. Vallins' Reminiscences: given before
the Australian Historical Record Society
at the City Hall, Ballarat on 26 Nov. 94.

I suppose, Mr President, that in giving
our reminiscences, it is only intended
to refer to those incidents that stand
out ^{prominently} — the snapshots that have been
taken in our memory — certain things
that are not of an ordinary character
such as occur day after day, week
after week, and month after month.

I arrived in Geelong ^(at Point Henry) Bay just at the
time when news arrived there of
a large nugget being obtained at
Canadian. It is needless to say we
were all fired with burning zeal
to go to Ballarat and get a big
nugget. Our ardour was somewhat
damped by the vessel being delayed
in consequence of a death having
occurred on board and until the
medical man had given his permis-
sion the passengers were not allowed