

10/ We got to Fryer's Creek, and there, so far as I know, the first big political meeting in the colony was held. Governor Latrobe had been approached to grant a lease of a square mile of worked out ground, on which a lot of men were then working, and who made a great row about it. The trees were all placarded and men went round calling out that a meeting would be held that afternoon at Commissioner's Flat to consider the matter. The meeting took place, and was held close to the tent of Commissioner Herring, so that he could hear all that was said. We had some good "high falutin," plenty of treason passed, and all sorts of resolutions. The speeches were all very inflammatory. The Commissioner heard them all, and put like a sensible man, put the matter before the Government in such a way that the lease was cancelled.

Well then, I travelled about