

some distance away, and two troopers leaving the main body, dashed in amongst this innocent throng and cut the people down. Many innocent people thus fell victims, either being killed outright, or injured through the savage butchery of the troopers. A reporter of the "Herald" was amongst the injured. His wife and he then went ^{inside at half past five he went out} over to the Stockade and counted 22 bodies. One poor old German, well known in the fields, had no less than 17 wounds. A diary of the time records the fact that one man was uninjured when the troops entered the Stockade and although he surrendered, he was shot through the chest. Instances of this kind were common, but no satisfaction has ever been obtained from the Government. Mr. Oddie's opinion in the matter is briefly that the men who were shot ^{ought not to have been} and that ^{shot} many of the men who were not shot ought to have been shot instead of being allowed to figure in good positions since.

One man who was charged with murder at the diggings - and who was undoubtedly a murderer - lived to be an administrator of the law, and many of the officials who acted in a despotic manner at that time have since "lived and moved and had their being" amongst the diggers whom they wronged, and says Mr. Oddie, "it speaks volumes for the manly spirit of these wronged men that they never lifted an arm against their erstwhile petty tyrants although they have had unlimited opportunities to do so."

Mr. Oddie in due course became the first chairman of the first municipality in Ballarat in 1856 and he proudly boasts that there has never been a place in the British Empire which developed with the rapidity and the solidity of Ballarat. The "metal" of the men who founded this city was conspicuous everywhere and in every walk of life, and indeed it was hard to go anywhere where the Ballarat men were not in the forefront. All the elements of success were mixed up in the people - young and old. Mr. Oddie also conceived the idea of the "Miner's Right" by which residents might obtain a title to their residence areas, which is now so widely applied.