

himself. He was noticed by a woman, who asked him to come inside her tent. She stood at the door and the police went by. If he had been caught he would have been handcuffed with other unlicensed diggers, who may have been captured, and marched seven miles to Bendigo to be dealt with.

After his return to Geelong his family purchased some land, which however, was of little use for Agricultural purposes, and they rented an allotment on the Barrabool Hills. Here they stopped several years, after which they came to Ballarat, and bought land at Learmonth.

Mr. Murray found farming to be rather slow work, although he made a good deal of money out of it. He got married there, and in due course sold out, and in 1872 he bought a station called Katandra on the River Murray. It consisted of 56,000 acres. Here his previous knowledge of station work stood him in exceedingly good stead, as those around him, who at first took him to be a "new Chum" soon found to their cost. Here he made a lot of money. In 1875 a severe drought occurred, and a year later Mr. Murray sold out and came to Ballarat.