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for the Banning Disision of the Ballarat District  
there were nine Members for each Board, and I am  
sorry to say that i only know of three comprising  
that Court remain amongst us. Vid Mr J. Bicket  
Mr John Freil and myself the remainder having joined  
the great Majority. Those Courts only lived for  
about Eighteen months when they were replaced  
by the Mining Boards and Guardians Courts -  
of which there is no need for me to write  
they can tell there own history and i believe  
a very Creditable one too.

And now Gentlemen if you think  
these few Reminiscences of the Long Ago - are  
worth recording, well you can place them  
among their Cousins, if not place them in  
the fire or waste Basket -

Yours Respectfully  
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