

received on Christmas day 1855. At this time (1855) oats were 15/- to 16/3 per bushel; hay was £25 a ton, flour was £6/10/- a bag. A blacksmith's "bill" dated 1855 shows the charge for shoeing horses to be 6/- per shoe or 24/- the set. Mr. Codlin was the lucky son of Vulcan who received this amount from Mr. Bath.

The "Weigh Bill" for the coaches running to and from Geelong and Ballarat in 1851 shows the passage money between the two places to have been £3 single fare. The largest number of passengers booked in one trip was thirteen the amount taken being £39.

A coach manifest for Febry. 23rd. 1855 shows that the wife and family of nine children of Mr. Adam Loftus Lynn an early Ballarat Lawyer, were brought here from Geelong at a cost of £20 - a special arrangement. A Mr. J. Watt had a coach running to and from Ballarat and Melbourne via Bacchus Marsh. The single fare was £7. Meals etc. as well as expenditure incurred in stopping at Bacchus Marsh at night were "extras" and swelled the expenses considerably.

Accounts of 1854 show the price of milk to have been 3/- per quart. Mr. Wm. Couch was the Milkman. He kept his cattle out Cardigan way. The price fell to 2/6 per quart in 1855 and to 1/6 in 1856. In this latter year eggs were 6/- per dozen.

Mr. Bath opened a weighbridge in Bath Street in 1856. It is there still.