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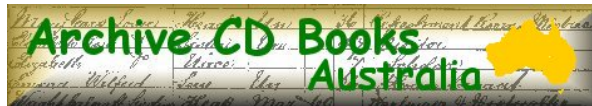
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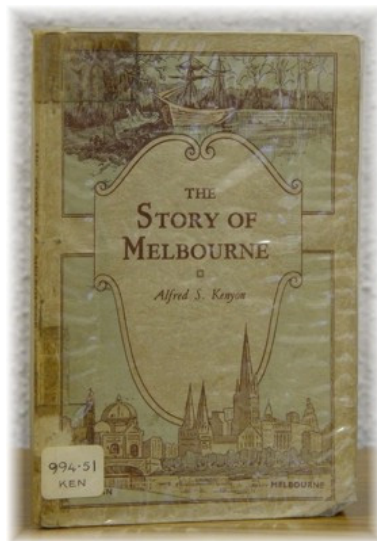
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## PREFACE.

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*All round me villages upgrew  
At once, with orchards clumped about,  
And oft between, tall pine rows through  
Some mansion's pillared porch looked out,  
And in the gusts that overpassed  
The stir of neighbouring cities came,  
Whose structures in the distance massed,  
Proclaimed their opulence and fame.  
O'er fields of ripening plenty viewed  
O'er hills with white fleeced flocks and strewed  
With herds that grazed the same.  
While on the paved roads between  
The crowding chariots came with rapid rolling din.*

—CHARLES HARPUR.

In addition to the recognised literary sources of information, much historical matter has been obtained from the Chief Librarian of Victoria, Mr. E. R. Pitt, and his staff, who have placed at my disposal, the whole of the books, pamphlets and records in the Melbourne Public Library, which constitute incomparably the finest collection of historical data relating to this State. To the Trustees of that Institution I have to express my sincere acknowledgment for the help referred to and for permission to reproduce prints, drawings and photographs.



John Batman, Founder of Victoria.

George Mercer, John Helder Wedge, and John Batman, apparently fifteen, but actually fourteen, as the Robertsons counted for one share only. All were large stockholders, many holding high official and commercial positions. Six were from Hobart, eight from Launceston and George Mercer was, for the time being, of Dryden House, Edinburgh.

John Batman, stockholder of Ben Lomond, and J. H. Wedge, late assistant Surveyor-General, were appointed managers. Batman, being in possession of the 600,000 or so acres of land ceded him by the Yarra Yarra and Geelong dusky chieftains, transferred it, on consideration of the payment of five shillings of lawful money of Great Britain, to Swanson, Gellibrand and Simpson, in trust for the Association, on the 30th of June, 1835. The Association's agreement, dated the day prior, provided for the division of all these territories into seventeen equal parts. Batman was to receive two, the thirteen other members one each. Mercer was to hold the unallotted two seventeenths in trust to be given to anyone he chose. It was rumoured that these areas were to be

Arthur. A syndicate called the Port Phillip Association was formed. It consisted of Charles Swanston, J. T. Gellibrand, W. G. Sams, J. and W. Robertson, James Simpson, Thomas Bannister, John Thomas Collicott, John Sinclair, Anthony Cotterell, Henry Arthur, Michael Connolly,



mut, who lived nearly thirty years with the whites, a degraded specimen of a virile race, was buried in the General Cemetery, and his tombstone read:—

This Stone was Erected  
by a few Colonists  
to commemorate the  
Noble Act  
of the Native Chief  
Derrimut  
who by timely information given  
October 1835  
to the First Colonists

Messrs. Fawkner, Lancey, Evans, Henry Batman,  
and their Dependants, saved them from massacre  
planned by some of the up-country tribes of  
Aboriginals

Derrimut closed his mortal career in the  
Benevolent Asylum  
May 28th 1864  
Aged about 54 years.

The first recorded contact between the two races happened in Collins' time. A fortnight after the first landing, when Lieut. Tuckey and Mr. Harris, the surveyor, were on shore near the Werribee, three natives appeared and, in accordance with a practice already established, were presented with blankets, fish and bread in the hope of winning their friendship. In less than an hour, they returned with 40 more. They quickly possessed themselves of a tomahawk, an axe and a saw. To conciliate them, as they so greatly outnumbered the whites, bread, meat and blankets were given them. Two other parties then arrived, bringing the total up to over two hundred. Two muskets were fired over their heads. This

of sheds, and thirty-six thousand feet berthing space. The Trust's business is carried on by a chairman with four commissioners, representing shipowners, exporters, importers and primary producers.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### THE COMING OF THE RAILWAYS.

*I love the noise of busy trains at morn and night,  
That citywards their human freights declare.*

—M. B. PATON.

AUSTRALIA was one of the first countries to build railways, though it was not Melbourne that led the way. So early as 1845, the still youthful colony of New South Wales shared in the railway boom, then in full swing in England. There were over a thousand railway bills, and among them there was a bill for the Sydney, Parramatta, Richmond and Windsor Railway Company, whose project involved an expenditure of £500,000 upon forty miles of way. This was dropped; but it led to the formation of the Sydney Railway Company, which, incorporated by Act in October, 1849, proposed to connect Parramatta with Sydney. It got as far as turning the first sod in July, 1850, but the discovery of gold and other troubles led to failure and the Government took over the scheme. The work was completed and the line opened in September, 1855. This, although not the first to be opened for traffic, was Australia's first railway.

Meanwhile, Melbourne residents were much hampered in their ordinary business, after the discovery of gold, in 1851, by the great number of vessels arriving in Port Phillip and discharging their passen-

radical onslaught on the holders of sheep-walks. The support of Charles Jardine Don, the people's tribune and a fiery orator who called upon the land-hungry "to drive the squatters across the Murray with their own stock-whips," foreshadowed the next era of struggle—the lands being completely unlocked by 1878—all the time since the inrush of gold-seekers, many fresh from revolutionary movements in the United Kingdom and Europe, there had been stirrings and murmurings. Some strikes occurred; some trades associations were formed. One even, a co-operative association of masons, became a contractor and built, at a cost of £47,000, the Pentridge Stockade. The seventies, however, saw the recovery from the depression of the sixties, and also trades-unionism taking firm root. The conflicts of the early nineties have been described. Success gradually rewarded the efforts to improve the conditions of employes. Parliament helped, and under the ægis of the late Sir Alexander Peacock, the present Wages Board system came into successful being. Encroachment upon State rights and prerogatives by the "Canberra bureaucracy" has still to be resisted, and so Victorians are not yet likely to rust to death. Cradled in strife, nurtured in conflict and reared in the midst of resistance to all constituted forms of authority, Victoria has reached its centenary, still fighting; and in that atmosphere of turmoil it has achieved and retained an independence which promises well for its future as the dominant State, with Melbourne as the Metropolis.

I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of ragged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains.  
I love her far horizons,  
I love her jewel sea,  
Her beauty and her terror,  
The wide brown land for me.

—DOROTHEA MACKELLAR.

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