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CEREMONIAL AND ENTERTAINMENTS

COMMEMORATIVE OF

THE INAUGURATION

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AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH

AT SYDNEY.

JANUARY 1st, 1901.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.



QUEEN VICTORIA.

Born 24th May, 1819.

Britain's myriad voices call
"Sons, be welded, each and all,
Into one Imperial whole,
One with Britain, heart and soul!
One life, one flag, one fleet, one Throne!"
Britons, hold your own!

Tennyson.

AND GOD GUARD ALL!



By the QUEEN. A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

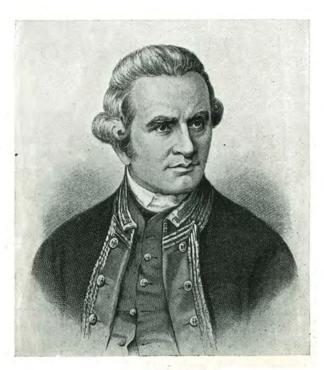
WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth Years of Our Reign intituled, "An Act to constitute the Commonwealth of Australia," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Queen, with the advice of the Privy Council, to declare by Proclamation, that, on and after a day therein appointed, not being later than One Year after the passing of this Act, the people of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania, and also, if Her Majesty is satisfied that the people of Western Australia have agreed thereto, of Western Australia, shall be united in a Federal Commonwealth under the name of the Commonwealth of Australia.

And whereas We are satisfied that the people of Western Australia have agreed thereto accordingly.

We therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby declare that on and after the First day of January One thousand nine hundred and one the people of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queenstand, Tasmania, and Western Australia shall be united in a Federal Commonwealth under the name of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral, this Seventeenth day of September, in the Year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred, and in the Sixty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

God save the Queen.





Born, 27th October, 1728, died, 14th February, 1779.

Near yonder wall of stately cliff, that braves The arrogance of congregated waves, The daring son of gray old Yorkshire stood And dreamed in a majestic solitude, What time a gentle April shed its showers. Aflame with sunset, on the Bay of Flowers.

Henry Kendali.



COMMONWEALTH CELEBRATIONS.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE GENERAL INFORMATION, OBSERVANCE AND GUIDANCE OF THE PUBLIC.

THE COMMONWEALTH CELEBRATIONS being a National and Historical event, the Government appeals to every member of the community to assist in making the proceedings successful, to ensure good order, and to prevent injury to life and property. Without the cordial and active assistance of every citizen this cannot be assured.

The population of the City will be largely increased during the Celebrations, and many of the streets are narrow and the areas available for spectators limited. It is therefore essential that there should be no congestion, and any attempt to encroach upon the reserved causeway or to enter streets already full must be avoided. Once a position is taken up by any person he must not attempt to remove to another locality. or endeavour to view the Procession twice.

A roadway of 25ft, clear will be maintained for the Procession the whole length of the route, and no encroachment upon this causeway will be permitted.

When any street or area is occupied by spectators to its full capacity, barriers will be fixed, and no further ingress will be allowed to any person, unless holding tickets for reserves within that area.

Barriers will be erected at the intersections of all streets opening on the line of Procession, and no vehicles will be permitted within 40ft. of such barriers.

Persons unconnected with the Procession officially are strictly prohibited from walking with it along the roadway.

All Horse and Wheel Traffic on the line of the Procession will be stopped one hour before the time fixed for starting.

Spectators are enjoined on no account to touch the horses ridden by the Military or Police, or otherwise used in the Procession, or to press upon them too closely.

Infants in arms and young children should not be taken into crowded places, nor should young children be allowed abroad without adequate guardianship. Aged and infirm persons should also be carefully protected.

Citizens are warned not to carry valuables on them in the streets when viewing the displays, nor to leave valuable property unsecured or unprotected at their residences.

The public are specially warned to be on their guard against pickpockets and other criminals, especially such as are usually known as "spielers" or "confidence men."

The Police have strict instructions to take into custody any persons behaving in a riotous manner or otherwise contrary to law.

To assist in maintaining order, the whole of the Volunteer Military Forces will be sworn in as Special Constables, and they will have full powers of the regular Police Force.

The public are specially cautioned not to climb fountains, railings, enclosures, or trees, and to assist in protecting all public and private property from injury.

The public are advised to take up positions in the wider portions of the route, or in the Centennial Park, and thereby avoid much crushing and discomfort.

EDMUND FOSBERY,

Inspector-General of Police.

10th December, 1900,



HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF HOPETOUN; VISCOUNT AITHRIE,
AND BARON HOPE; BARON HOPETOUN AND BARON NIDDRY;
K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.; P.C.; GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Born 25th September, 1860.

Who makes by force his merit known
And lives to clutch the golden keys,
To mould a mighty State's decrees,
And shape the whisper of the throne.

Tennyson.

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SWEARING=IN CEREMONY,

JANUARY 1st, 1901.

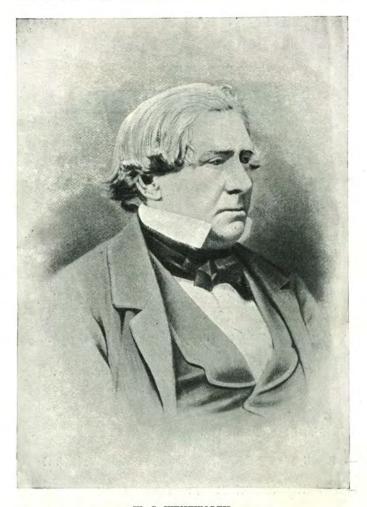


The Commonwealth of Australia.

Ceremonies at the Swearing-in of The Earl of Hopetoun,

First Governor-General of Australia.

- I.-PRAYERS AT NOON.
- 2 —PROCLAMATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH.
- 3. —GOVERNOR-GENERAL SWORN-IN.
- 4.—FEDERAL MINISTERS SWORN-IN.
- 5.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL.
- 6.—CHORUS, "TE DEUM," by Archbishop of Sydney's Choir of 400 voices.
- 7 CHORUS, "FEDERATED AUSTRALIA," by Public School Choir of 10,000 voices.
- 8. CHORUS, "HALLELUJAH," by Choir of 1,000 Adult voices.
- 9 .- "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN," by Combined Choirs.



W. C. WENTWORTH.

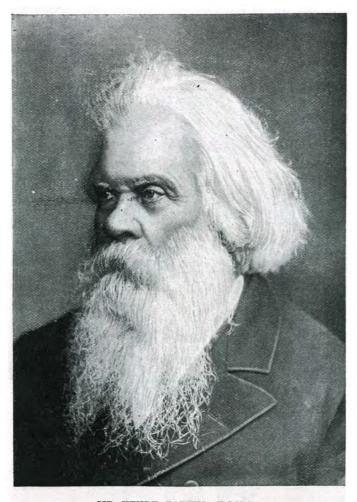
Born, 26th October, 1793; died, 20th March, 1872.

Lines from W. C. Wentworth's University Prize Poem of 1823, on Australasia, quoted by the author in his speech in Parliament when introducing, in 1853, the Constitution Bill for New South Wales.

May all thy glories, in another sphere,
Relume and shine more brightly still than here;
And, O. Britannia! shouldst thou cease to ride
Despotic Empress of old Ocean's tide;
Should thy tam'd Lion—spent his former might;
No longer roar, the terror of the fight;

May this—thy last-born infant then arise,
To glad thy heart, and greet thy parent eyes;
And Australasia float with flag unfurl'd,
A new Britannia in another world?

W. C. Wentworth.

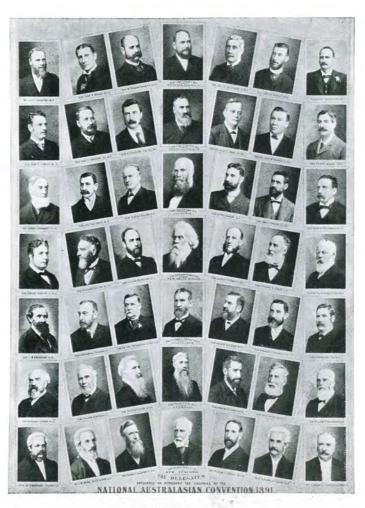


SIR HENRY PARKES, K.C.M.G.

Born, 27th May, 1815; died, 27th April, 1896.

Extract from speech by Sir Henry Parkes in the Queen's Hall, Melbourne, 1890.

"We know it is a wise dispensation that these large colonies sprang into existence, and we admired them when they were fighting their own battles and working out their own prosperity independently of New South Wales; but the time has now arrived when we are no longer isolated. The crimson thread of kinship runs through us all."

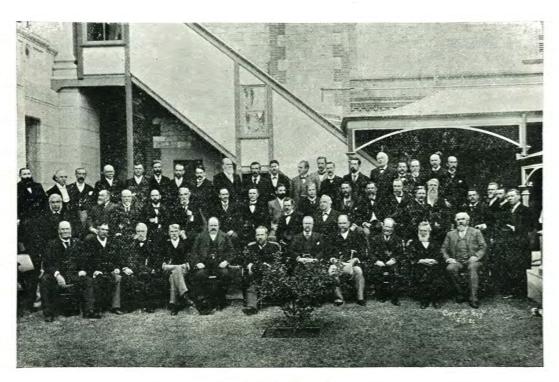


CONVENTION OF 1891.

Let them, when heart has been linked unto heart,
The future in calmness abide;
Let them, when hand has with hand taken part,
Fear God and fear nothing beside.

Their Queen has the keys of an Empire to keep,
Where sets and where rises the sun,
Their brothers, her wardens, are lords of the deep;
One People—their Destiny one.

M. E. Jersey.



CONVENTION, 1897.

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Now are thy maidens linked in love

Who erst have striven for pride of place;
Lifted all meaner thoughts above

They greet thee, one in heart and race:
She, in whose sunlit coves of peace

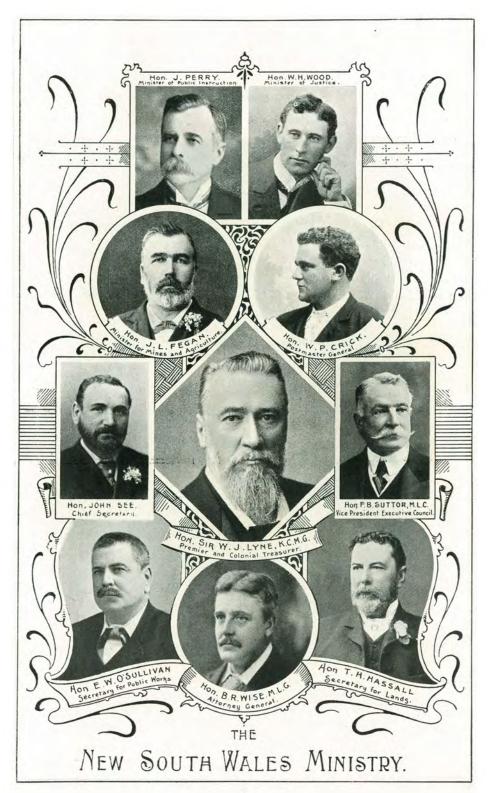
The navies of the World may rest,
And northward and west bear her wealth of snowy fleece.

And she, whose corn and rock-hewn gold
Built that Queen City of the South,

Where the lone billow swept of old
Her harbour-mouth.

Come, too, thou Sun-maid, in whose veins
Forever burns the tropic fire—
Whose cattle roam a thousand plains—
Come, with thy gold and pearls for tire;
And that sweet Harvester who twines
The tender vine and binds the sheaf—
And She, the Western Queen, who mines
The desert reef—
And Thou, against whose flowery throne
And orchards green the wave is hurled—
Australia claims you; Ye are One
Before the World!

Geo. Essex Evans.



SOUDAN. TRANSVAAL. CHINA.

'Tis glorious, when the thing to do,
Is at the supreme instant done!
We count your first fore-running few
A thousand men for every one!
For this true stroke of statesmanship—
The best Australian Poem yet—
Old England gives your hand the grip,
And binds you with a coronet,
In which the gold o' the wattle glows
With Shamrock, Thistle, and the Rose.

Gerald Massey.



Reduced Fac-simile of Invitation Card.

Awake! Arise! The wings of dawn
Are beating at the Gates of Day!

The morning star has been withdrawn,
The silver vapours melt away!

Rise royally, O Sun! and crown
The shoreward billow, streaming white,

The forelands and the mountains brown,
With crested light;

Flood with soft beams the valleys wide,
The mighty plains, the desert sand,

Till the New Day has won for bride
This Austral Land!

Geo. Essex Evans.



VIEW OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE, MELBOURNE.

Untracked in deserts lies the marble mine, Undug the ore that midst thy roofs shall shine, Unborn the hands—but born they are to beFair Australasia, that shall give to thee Proud temple-domes, with galleries winding high. So vast in space, so just in symmetry.

Thomas Campbell (1829).



POST OFFICE, BRISBANE.

"My Boys have come of age to-day."
The proud old Mother smiling said.
'They write a brand-neu page to-day,
By far-off futures to be read!"

Throughout all lands of British blood,
This stroke hath kindled such a glow;
The Federal links of Brotherhood.
Are clasped and welded at a blow
Gerald Massey.



HOBART AND MOUNT WELLINGTON-FROM BAY.

At summer eve, when Heaven's ethereal bow
Spans with bright arch the glittering hills below,
Why to you mountain turns the musing eye,
Whose sunbright summit mingles with the sky?

Why do those cliffs of shadowy tint appear
More sweet than all the landscape smiling near?—
'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view,
And robes the mountain in its azure hue.

Thos. Campbell.

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Eternal Power, benign, Supreme,
Who weigh'st the nations upon earth;
Without whose aid the Empire-dream
And pride of States is nothing worth—
From shameless speech and vengeful deed,
From license veiled in freedom's name,
From greed of gold and scorn of creed,
Guard Thou our fame!

Geo. Essex Evans.

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MONDAY, December 31.

NIGHT.

Special Services in all Churches for Prayer and intercession to Almighty God for Divine Blessing on the Empire, the Commonwealth and States, at 11 p.m.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY.

Lo! thickly planted o'er the glassy bay, Where Sydney loves her beauties to survey, And ev'ry morn delighted, sees the gleam Of some fresh pennant dancing in her stream,
A masty forest, stranger vessels moor,
Charg'd with the fruits of ev'ry foreign shore.

W. C. Wentworth (1823).

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INAUGURATION DAY.

TUESDAY, January 1.

DAY.

Procession starts from Domain at 10.30 am. Swearing-in Ceremony at Centennial Park, 12.30 p,m.

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NIGHT.

State Banquet at Town Hall, Sydney, at 7.30 (Electric Trams to Door).

League of Wheelmen Cycling Carnival, Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, at 8 p.m. (Steam Trams to Gate).

City Illuminations from 8 p.m.



BRISBANE BRIDGE.

Nor in the parent Isle alone Spring squadrons from the ground; Canadian shore and Austral zone With kindred cry resound; "From shimmering plain and snow-fed stream, Across the deep we come Seeing the British bayonets gleam, Hearing the British drum. Foot in the stirrup, hilt in hand, Free men to keep men free, All, all will help to hold the land While England guards the sea!"

Alfred Austen.

and Day.

WEDNESDAY. January 2.

DAY.

Highland Gathering, Sydney Cricket Ground, 10 a.m. (Steam Trams Direct).

Fire Brigade Procession through City Streets at 10.30 a.m.

Swimming Carnival, Fitzroy Dock, Biloela, Parramatta River, at 11 a.m. (Boats as advertised on date).

Fire Brigade Display in Prince Alfred Park, Redfern, at 3 p.m. (Steam Trams to Park, Electric Trams to Railway Station).

Conversazione, Town Hall, Sydney, at 2.30 p.m. (Electric Trams pass Door).

NIGHT.

Continental in Domain, 7.30 p.m.

Highland Concert, Town Hall, Sydney, at 8 p.m. (Electric Trams pass Door.

Military Tattoo at Agricultural Ground, 8 p.m. Steam Trams to Gate.

City Illuminations at 8 p.m.



BOTANICAL GARDENS, ADELAIDE.

Now far beyond fair Torrens' stream, 'Mid spires and gilded domes, Like the sweet visions of a dream, Bursts on the raptured light the gleam Of myriad happy homes.

John Howell

3rd Day.

THURSDAY, January 3.

DAY

Military Review by His Excellency the Governor-General in Centennial Park, at 10.30 a.m., Steam Trams to Gate.

Commerce Luncheon, Town Hall, Sydney, at 1 p.m., Electric Trams stop at Door.

Public Schools Gathering, Sydney Cricket Ground, at 2 p.m., Steam Trams to Gate.

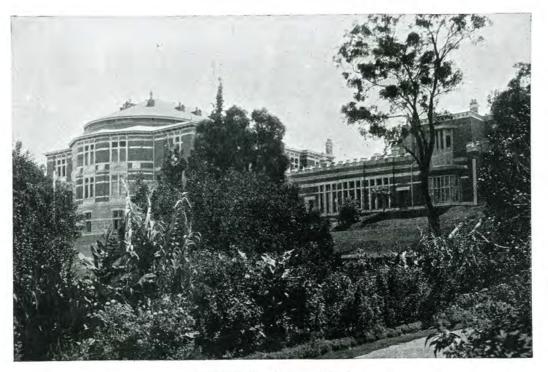
NIGHT.

Command Night at Her Majesty's, Royal, Palace and Tivoli Theatres, at 8 p.m.

Philharmonic Concert, Town Hall, Sydney, at 8 p.m., Electric Trams stop at Door.

Cycling Carnival, Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, at 8 p.m., Steam Trams pass Gate.

City Illuminations, at 8 p.m.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE, PERTH.

To see a world. from shadowy forests won, In youthful beauty wedded to the sun;

To skirt our home with harvests widely sown, And call the blooming landscape all our own. *Thomas Campbell* (1829).

4th Day.

FRIDAY, January 4.

DAY.

Athletic and Cycling Sports, Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Steam Trams, at 9 a.m.

Harbour Aquatic Demonstration in Port Jackson, at 1 p.m., Steamers from Circular Quay.

Theatrical Matinees for the Poor, at 2 p.m.

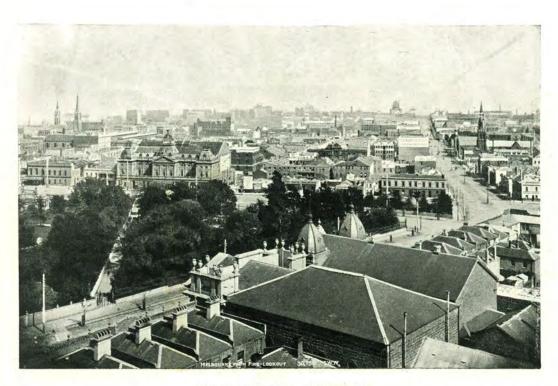
NIGHT.

Continental in Domain, at 7.30 p.m.

Harbour Fireworks Display, at 8 p.m.

Amateur Orchestral Concert, Town Hall, Sydney, at 8 p.m., Electric Trams stop at door.

City Illuminations, at 8 p.m.



MELBOURNE-FROM FIRE TOWER

Here sixty winters since, by Yarra's stream, A scattered hamlet found its modest place: What mind would venture, then, in wildest dream, Its wondrous growth and eminence to trace? What seer predict a stripling in the race
Would swift as Atalanta, win the prize
Of progress 'neath the world's astonished eyes?

J. F. Daniell.

5th Day,

SATURDAY, January 5.

DAY.

N.S.W. Defence Force Rifle Association Meeting, Randwick Rifle Range, Moore Park at 7.45 a.m. Steam Trams.

United Friendly Societies and Trade Unions Demonstration through City Streets, at 10.30 a.m.

Sports Meeting of above bodies at Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, at noon. Steam Trams to Gate.

N.S.W. v. S.A. Cricket Match, Sydney Cricket Ground, at noon. Steam Trams.

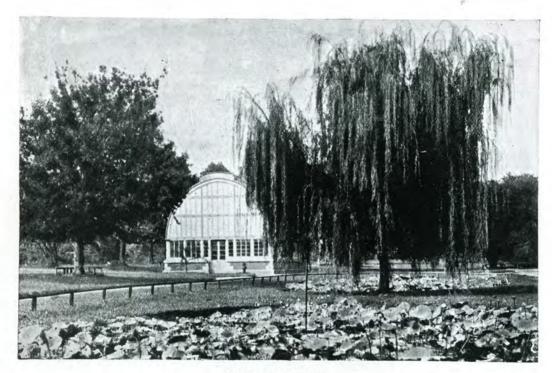
NIGHT.

Naval and Military Banquet, Town Hall, at 7.30 p.m Electric Trams.

Continental at North Sydney Oval. Steamer and Electric Trams to Ridge Street, at 7.30 p.m. from Circular Quay.

Cycling Carnival, Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, at 8 p.m. Steam Trams to Ground.

City Illuminations, at 8 p.m.



BRISBANE GARDENS.

Lo! a young world; lo! a strong 'world, rises in this distant clime,

Destined to increase and strengthen to the very end of time. Here, through veins with young life swelling, rolls the blood that rules the world: Here, as hers, and dear as honour, England's banner floats unfurled.

Land of wealth and land of beauty, tropic suns and tropic

snows.

Where the splendid noontide blazes where the raging storm wind blows.

Agnes Neale (Mrs. Aherne).

6th Day.

SUNDAY, Fanuary 6.

DAY.

Military Church Parade at 10 a.m. Special Church Services, at 11 a.m.

United Church Service, Hyde Park, 3 p.m.



DERWENT RIVER.

Green is thy turf; stern winter doth not dare
To breathe his blast and leave a ruin there,
And the charmed ocean roams thy rocks around,

With softer motion and with sweeter sound; Among thy blooming flowers and blushing fruit The whispering of young birds is never mute.

W. Mackworth Praed (1823).

7th Day.

MONDAY, January 7.

DAY.

N.S.W. Defence Force Rifle Association Meeting, Randwick Rifle Range, at 7.43 a.m. Steam Trams.

Military Sports at Agricultural Grounds, Moore Park, at 10 am. Steam Trams.

N.S.W. v. S.A. Cricket Match, Sydney Cricket Ground, at noon. Moore Park Trams.

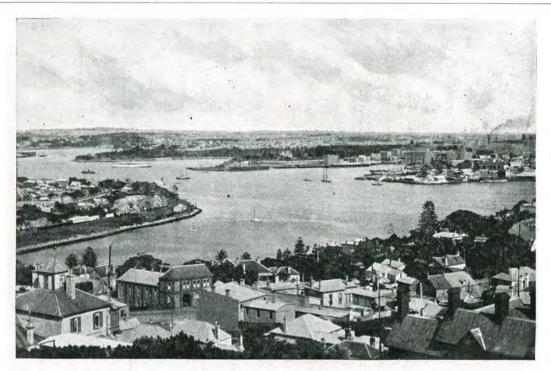
Municipal and Civil Luncheon at Town Hall, Sydney, at 1 p.m. Electric Trams stop at door.

NIGHT.

Harbour Excursion with Bands on Steamers at 8 p.m. from Circular Quay.

Liedertafel Concert at Town Hall, at 8 p.m. Electric Trams stop at door.

City Illuminations at 8 p.m.



SYDNEY, FROM NORTH SHORE.

Where Sydney Cove her lucid bosom swells, Courts her young navies, and the storm repels; High on a rock amid the troubled air Hope stood sublime, and waved her golden hair. "Hear me" she cried, "Ye rising Realms! record "Time's opening scenes and Truth's unerring word;

"There shall tall spires and dome-cap't towers ascend,
"And piers and quays their massy structures blend;
"While with each breeze approaching vessels glide,
"And Northern treasures dance on every tide!"

Erasmus Darwin (1789).

8th Day.

TUESDAY, January 8.

DAY.

N.S.W. Defence Force Rifle Association Meeting, Randwick Rifle Range (via Moore Park, Steam Trams), at 7.45 a.m.

Military Sports at Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, at 10 a.m. Steam Trams to Gate.

N.S.W. v. S.A. Cricket Match, Sydney Cricket Ground, at noon. Steam Trams to Gate.

NIGHT.

Press Dinner at Town Hall, Sydney at 7.30 p.m. Electric Trams, stop at door City Illuminations, at 8 p.m.



Sharers of our glorious past, Brothers, must we part at last? Shall not we thro' good and ill Cleave to one another still?

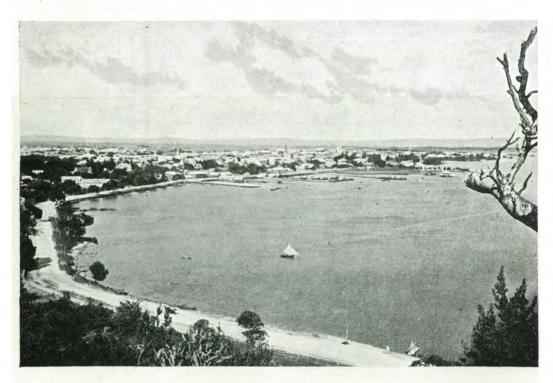
Tennyson.



FITZROY GARDENS, MELBOURNE.

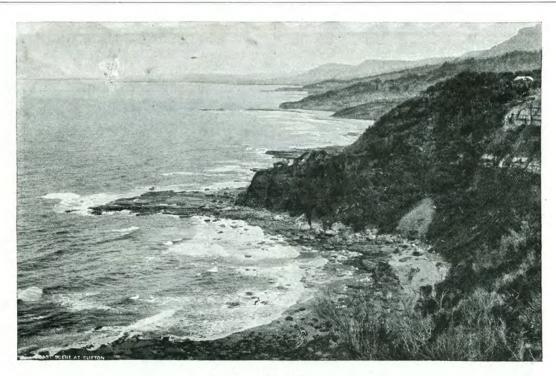
Earth, with her many voices, talked of thee!— Low winds and whispering leaves, and piping birds; The amorous sunlight, and the virgin dews; Eve's crimson air and light of twinkling gold; Spring's kindled greenery, and her breath of balm; The dance of happiness in summer woods. To silver dulcimer of sunshot rain.

Gerald Massey.



VIEW OF HARBOR, PERTH.

God set our land in summer seas asleep Till His fair morning for her waking came. And with fair Peace's white, pure flag unfurled. Our children shall, upon this new-won shore— Warn'd by all sorrows that have gone before— Build up the glory of a grand New World.



SOUTH COAST VIEW.

Proud Queen of Isles! Thou sittest, vast, alone, A host of vassals bending round thy throne! Like some fair swan that skims the silver tide, Her silken cygnets strew'd on every side.

So floatest thou, thy Polynesian brood
Dispersed around thee on the Ocean flood,
While ev'ry surge, that doth thy bosom lave,
Salutes the "Empress of the Southern wave."

Wentworth. W. C.





COMMONWEALTH CELEBRATIONS.

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To the DAYLIGHT DECORATIONS on LINE OF ROUTE.



OUTER DOMAIN TO QUEEN'S SQUARE.

Coal Arch, erected by the Municipalities of the Newcastle District.

Colonnade of Flags and Trophies of the Empire.

QUEEN'S SQUARE.

Tented Colonnade around Her Majesty's Statue, festooned in greenery, and comprising One Central Obelisk, carrying the Royal Standard; Six Inner Columns, carrying the National Flags; and Eighteen Outer Columns, dressed in the Flags of Eighteen other Nations of the World.

These Columns are connected with panels, to form a complete Amphitheatre, decorated with the Names and Colours of the visiting Military and Naval Forces.

MACQUARIE STREET.

Festooned in greenery; and decorated with Flags and Trophies in Red, White, and Blue, and crested with Silver Crowns.

Entrance Gateway to Government House decorated with Floral Archway, and Emblems in Blue and Gold.

BRIDGE STREET.

Double festoon of greenery, and upper festoons of colours, with pole caps and trophies in burnished copper.

Wool Trophy, in White Wool, with Blue enrichments; erected by the representatives of the Wool Industry.

Wheat Arch.—Erected jointly by the Department of Agriculture and by the representatives of the Wheat Industry.

The Exchange.—Decorated in designs emblematical of the Maritime and Commercial Interests of New South Wales.

PITT STREET.

Floral and Decorative Archway, and continuing Colonnade of Flags and Trophies, erected by the French Residents of Sydney.

Colonnade dressed in Red and White, the Colours of Earl Beauchamp, with similar overhead festooning.

PITT STREET—Continued.

Triumphal Archway.—Erected by the American Citizens.

Colonnade of Festooned Greenery, with Standards, carrying American Flags, Trophies, and Eagles.

MARTIN PLACE AND MOORE STREET.

Central Festooned and Floreated Avenue, in Green, dressed throughout in the Colours of His Excellency the Governor-General.

GEORGE STREET.

Tramway Standards decorated with large Trophies of His Excellency's Colours, and finished with burnished Copper Discs.

PARK STREET.

Floral and Triumphal Archway, erected by the Municipality of Melbourne.

Colonnade of Union Jacks, with enriched Shield and Trophies emblematical of the United Kingdom.

Overhead festooning and decoration on poles with multi-coloured Flags and Trophies.

Grand Triumphal Commonwealth Arch, erected by the Citizens, and decorated with Bronze Panels, emblematical of the Rise and Progress of Australia in the Arts, Sciences, and Industries.

Double Flag Festooning on either side, adjoining Hyde Park, and Poles decorated with Standard Flags and Trophies.

Ornamental and Enriched Archway.—Erected by the German community in Sydney.

COLLEGE STREET.

Double Flag Festooning with poles decorated with Standards and Trophies; enriched Colonnade with Entablature and Trophies, inscribed "To Our Comrades from Over Seas," and on the reverse "To Our Comrades of the Southern Seas."

OXFORD STREET.

To Darlinghurst.—Green festooning on standards, with Flags and Trophies representing all the British Colonies throughout the World.

To Park Gates.—Double and single festooning in streamers with portions in colours, the poles being decorated with standard Flags and Bannerets.

Entrance Gates to Victoria Barracks.—Emblematical Decorations in colour, with devices in arms and weapons.

Paddington Town Hall.—Specially decorated Façade.

Centennial Park Gates.—Formed into a Floral Archway, with Dedication Panels bearing the names of the Six States.

CENTENNIAL PARK.

Octagonal Pavilion, designed and erected for the Ceremony of Swearing-in His Excellency and His Ministers.

Surrounded by an enclosure containing 7,500 seats for Invited Guests, and 300 seats for the Representatives of the Press, with special accommodation for Photographers.

This inner enclosure is again surrounded by another to contain the whole of the Military portion of the Procession.

Beyond this are enclosures for 10,000 School Children, 1,000 Chorus and 400 Choir, and surrounding the whole is a natural and rising amphitheatre capable of holding 150,000 of the general sight-seeing Public.

The whole route is 5 miles in length, and traverses some of the principal streets of the City, which, on every hand, are decorated in a lavish manner by the Citizens' Committee and Private Enterprise.

Prepared by the Decoration Committee.

Sydney, 26th December, 1900.