

Warrnambool Cattle Yards.

WARRNAMBOOL, Saturday.

The Corporation Cattle-yards were opened this morning by Councillor Cramond, the ex-mayor, in the presence of a great concourse of people. This being a stock-producing district on a large scale for years past, Saturday, as general market day, has long been recognised as one of our local institutions, but owing to there being three separate and distinct saleyards in the town, and to the fact that sales were being carried on in each simultaneously, the inconveniences experienced from such a custom were many and perplexing. Hence the action of the town council in having the cattle-yard erected, so as to concentrate the business to one special locality. The toasts of Success to the Project of the Town Council," The Agricultural Society," and " The Auctioneers," were all duly proposed and responded to in bumpers of champagne. After the ceremony opening had been observed, business operations were commenced and continued throughout the day large quantities of stock of all description being quitted by the auctioneers. The yards are conveniently situated in Raglan parade, and will be alike convenient and mutually profitable to town and country residents. As a financial speculation, the result must in every respect, prove to be highly satisfactory. The transactions of today evidence increasing business and prosperity to the district.

Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957), Friday 29 June 1900, page 7

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Mr. Thomas King, who has been a member of the Warrnambool Town Council for 35 years, has resigned his seat on account of failing health. He occupied the mayoral chair on five occasions. In accepting the resignation, councillors referred with regret to Mr. King's retirement, reference being made to the fact that he was one of the oldest municipal councillors in Victoria. It was decided to present him with an illuminated testimonial.

A petition praying for the removal of the corporation sale-yards, owing to the "very insanitary, insalubrious, and unsatisfactory condition of the yards as now situated," was presented to the town council on Tuesday. There were 233 signatures to the petition. The majority of the councillors considered it would be inadvisable to take action as requested, and the petition was merely received.

Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957), Thursday 24 January 1901, page 4

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The town surveyor has presented plans and estimates of the cost of new sale-yards in Warrnambool, the total amounting to £5,600.

Geelong Advertiser (Vic. : 1859 - 1926), Thursday 30 July 1903, page 4

SWINE FEVER

INDIGNATION IN WARRNAMBOOL.

WARRNAMBOOL. Tuesday.

Great indignation was expressed by farmers to-day when they arrived at the sale-yards with their consignment of pigs, and were informed that these could not be offered because they had not been inspected on the farms by a veterinary, surgeon. When notice of this regulation was received the local stock inspector telegraphed to headquarters asking that such conditions should not be applied to to-day's sales, but this was refused, and he was instructed to carry out the regulations. The result was that farmers and others were subjected to great inconvenience and remarks condemnatory of the action taken by the authorities were to be heard on all sides. A large number of pigs were brought in, one farmer having travelled 50 miles with his consignment, but all had to return home, as the pigs were not admitted into the-yards, and the sales were abandoned. It is contended that the new regulation requiring veterinary inspection on the farms is unreasonable, and impracticable, and it is, causing considerable loss to the people whose stock have not been affected by swine fever. Farmers consider that inspection by the district stock inspector prior to the pigs being offered for sale would be sufficient protection, and would prevent infected stock from being brought to the market. It is also pointed out that if the new regulation is enforced one veterinary surgeon cannot possibly inspect all the pigs on farms in this district, where the pig trade is so extensively carried on.

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A singular discovery has been made, illustrating the force with which the recent flood waters descended down the Hopkins River. The new bridge at Warrumyea was damaged, and is still closed to traffic on account of its being placed out of position by the timber brought down the stream. An investigation made by the shire engineer has revealed the fact that the bed of the river at the bridge has been deepened by 18 feet, and that consequently massive piles which were sunk into the river bed at this spot to a depth of 10 feet are now hanging suspended 2 feet from the bottom of the newly formed channel. The bridge cost £1000 to erect a few months ago and has now to be put in order at considerable outlay. The action of the Government Stock Inspector in pointing out to the town council that the insanitary condition of the municipal pig yards was calculated to spread the swine fever has precipitated the project for the building of new saleyards. The council met in committee at the yards on Friday afternoon and unanimously decided to go on with the work at once. The undertaking will involve an outlay of £5000, which is to be raised by loan. Mr. W. Swinton has been elected unopposed to the vacancy in the representation of the Merri ward of the town council.

Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957), Friday 6 November 1903, page 7

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Great interest is being taken locally in the contracts for erecting new sale-yards, the estimated cost of which is £5,000. Temporary buildings are now being used for the sale of pigs.

When walking on the Breakwater Pier a few days ago Constable Trainor observed a man whose description was similar to that given of a man named John Edwards, for whose arrest for deserting his child a warrant had been issued at North Melbourne. As a result of inquiries he found his surmise to be correct, and he arrested Edwards.

The Warrnambool Shire Council has decided to ask the Government to set apart 500 acres of the Framlingham aboriginal station for a timber reserve. The land is of poor quality and the council considered that it should be set apart for firewood and other purposes. The saw-mill plant belonging to the Council of Agricultural Education was recently sold.

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The town council; on Tuesday night opened the tenders for the construction of the new saleyards, the competitors being Melbourne, Prahran, Ballarat and Mortlake contractors. The amount of the lowest tender was not divulged, but it is known to be within £20 of the engineer's estimate of the cost of the work, £5000. The final acceptance of the tender was postponed pending inquiries on certain points. Three steamers, the Flinders, Derwent and Casino, arrived at the port and discharged cargo and passengers and sailed again on Tuesday. Forty applications were received by the managers of the town common for the position of herdsman. Mr. J. Latta was selected. The town councillors decided to light up the swimming baths at night during the season with incandescent burners, the aim being to encourage the 'swimming club and popularise the baths.

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In his annual report prepared for presentation to the town council the mayor states that during the past twelve months the revenue from the new sale-yards, which were completed last year at a cost of £5,355 would meet the interest on the land and re payment of the instalment of the principal, as well as a portion of the cost of erection not covered by the loan, but defrayed out of the town revenue. The profit on the gas-works would, it was estimated, exceed that of the previous year by £100. A tender has been accepted for the supply of 1,000 tons of coal, and had it not been for the siltation in the bay making navigation difficult for fair-sized steamers, the council would probably have saved 1/6 a ton on the price. The cost of new buildings, including the cattle-yards, erected in the town during the past twelve months was about £12,625, and land had been sold in Liebig street recently at £30/10/ per foot. The following were the values of exports by steamer alone during the past year: - Onions, £4,000; potatoes, £15,00; grain, £6,000; wood, £23,000; butter, £14,000; bacon, eggs, cheese, etc., £10,000; total, £72,000. This did not include any of the produce sent by rail, which greatly exceeded that sent by boat, especially the butter, and when this was taken into consideration it was found that the value of the produce raised in the Warrnambool district amounted to hundreds of thousands of pounds per annum.