

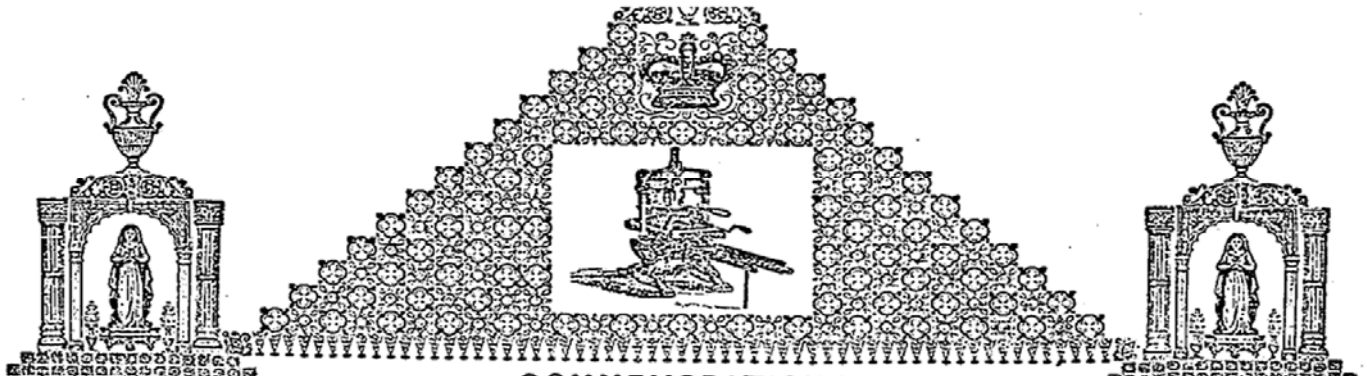
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COMMEMORATION OF THE BOON OF THE SEPARATION OF THE PROVINCE OF VICTORIA FROM THE COLONY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Melbourne, the Fifteenth of November, 1850. Printed in the line of the Procession to open the PRINCE'S BRIDGE.

The Act for the better regulation of the Australian Colonies, which constituted Victoria into a free Province, passed the Imperial Parliament on the First of August, 1850, of which information reached this Colony, by way of Adelaide, on the 11th of November, 1850.

In this cause the Press has been ever active, and has nobly performed the duty entrusted thereto. Justice has at length triumphed! Victoria is freed from the clog of the Elder Colony of New South Wales! Her people rejoice as one man. The PRINTERS, and all employed on the diffusion of the printed page: all engaged on the all-powerful PRESS, join heart and soul in the People's joy.

This Colony was founded August 31st, 1835, on which day the first house was commenced for Mr. John Pascoe Fawkner. On the 1st of June, 1836, the first Public Meeting of the Inhabitants took place, and James Simpson, Esq., was elected unanimously as Ruler of the People.

In September, 1836, Captain Lonsdale and a small force of Military, with Officers and Workmen, arrived from Sydney, to govern and order the new Colony.

On Monday, 1st January, 1838, the first Newspaper was issued—a written sheet, published to the extent of 32 Nos. weekly, by Mr. John Pascoe Fawkner. The first Paper was printed on the 5th of March, 1838, and was entitled "The Melbourne Advertiser." It is now "The Melbourne Daily News and Port Phillip Patriot," edited by the Proprietor, George D'Arley Boursiquot, Esq. It commenced a foolscap sheet, once a week, was enlarged to a full sheet of double demy, and was first published daily, commencing on the 15th May, 1845, by John Pascoe Fawkner.

"The Port Phillip Gazette" was first published early in October, 1838, by Messrs. Stodge and Arden, bi-weekly. It is now a tri-weekly Journal, edited and published by Thomas M'Combie, Esq.

"The Melbourne Morning Herald" was commenced, and is still carried on by George Cavenagh, Esq. First published in January, 1839, twice a week. It has been a daily Paper since Jan. 1849.

"The Melbourne Argus" commenced on 1st June, 1846, and ceased 12th September, 1848.

"The Argus" commenced 15th September, 1848, and as a daily Paper 18th June, 1849. Present Proprietors,—Messrs. Wilson and Johnston.

"The Times," published by Ryland John Howard, was commenced September 1842, and was discontinued 1844.

"The Standard," bi-weekly Journal, was commenced by G. D. Boursiquot, Esq., in 1844, and amalgamated with the "Port Phillip Patriot" Oct. 1, 1845.

"The Courier" was published by Mr. S. Goode on 6th January, 1843, and discontinued in April, 1844.

"The Albion" was commenced by Mr. S. Goode in December, 1847, and discontinued in March, 1848.

"The Geelong Advertiser" was commenced at Geelong, November, 1840, by J. P. Fawkner. Edited and Published by Messrs Harrison and Watkins. Began as a weekly paper, and is now the property of Mr. J. Harrison, and published daily.

"The Victoria Colonist," formerly "The Corio Chronicle," is published for Dr. Thomson, at Geelong, bi-weekly; and "The Omnibus," by Mr. Combe, is also issued at Geelong, making three Newspapers issued in that town.

The District of Portland Bay boasts its two Papers bi-weekly, viz., "The Portland Guardian," and "The Portland Herald."

Belfast also has its "Gazette," published by Mr Osborne.

Melbourne also produces sundry other publications:—

"The Church of England Messenger," originated by Dr. Perry, Bishop of Melbourne, January, 1850.

Hann's "Illustrated Australian Magazine," commenced August, 1850. Monthly.

"The Australasian," Published by Mr Pullar, a quarterly reprint. October, 1850.

"The Presbyterian Magazine," issued by Mr Ramsay, monthly.

"The Temperance Advocate," issued weekly by Mr. Finlayson.

"The Melbourne Family Journal," commenced by Mr. Hayden, and carried on by Mr Craig.

"The Christian Citizen," published by Mr Goode, monthly.

"Victoria Weekly Price Current and Circular," published by Mr W. L. Lees.

Thus VICTORIA can boast of the PRESS, and the people can exult in the noble patronage they afford to

THE PRESS.

Which has rendered Britain the Arbitress of the World, and has also wrought wonders in Victoria. This Press and the People have achieved that consummation so devoutly to be wished, viz., SEPARATION:— Total Separation from New South Wales. 'Tis to the Press that this city is indebted for the information diffused by Three Daily, One Tri-weekly, Three Weekly, Four Monthly, and One Quarterly Journal; and the City of Geelong circulates the pabulum of knowledge by means of One Daily and Two Weekly Newspapers. Portland Bay and Belfast have also the benefit of the information circulated by means of Three Journals. The PRESS is Omnipotent! Its diffusion is not only wide, but universal; its voice penetrates the deepest recesses of the forest; crosses the widest plains, the highest mountains, and the most rapid streams. Not a hut in the wilderness but feels the powerful influence of that Lever of Freedom—THE PRESS.

The first Meeting to demand Separation was held in Melbourne, June, 1840. The feat was forwarded by Non-ELECTION, July, 1848, and finally accomplished August 1, 1850.

LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!

VICTORIA SEPARATION ODE.

All hail! thou Glorious Press!
When firstly mighty frame was rear'd,
Truth rose, in radiant light ensherr'd,
The Nations to address.
Then Tyrants trembled in dismay,
And Reason held her sovereignty away,
Supported by the PRESS!

Advances still the PRESS!
And fair Religion's healing hand,
Sheds peace and love o'er every land,
The multitudes to bless!
While Science all her varied stores
From clime to clime benignly pours,
Assisted by the PRESS!

Time-honored now, O PRESS!
Thy power to quell the oppressor's pride,
And draw corruption's veil aside,
Our grateful hearts confess!
This day shall joy each voice attune
To greet dear Freedom's welcome boon,
Enforced by the PRESS!



(*) This paper was, we believe, written by Mr. Fawkner, the only contribution to it from the Herald Office being the types in which it was printed, and the verses at the foot. We do not agree with Mr. Fawkner in thinking that Separation has been "forwarded by Non-Election;" the very reverse we believe to be the fact.—Ed.M.M.H.