ILLAWARRA SETTLED:

Illawarra was explored by Bass and Flinders in 1797. The Five Islands district was settled by stockmen grazing cattle about 1815. At the same time cedar-getters worked in the forests. The cattle were driven overland from Campbelltown and Appin and down the mountainsides.

Wollongong with its harbour became the centre of the district. A town was laid out there by Surveyor T. L. Mitchell in 1834.

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