Then along the Coast Road to Austinmer to the home of the President, where he and his family were hosts for a delicious afternoon tea.

The above briefly details a most entertaining outing for which our thanks are offered to Mr. King for his commentary and hospitality.

THE "E.R. & S." STACK, PORT KEMBLA:

The new smoke stack which now dominates the Illawarra skyline is a source of interest to local citizens and visitors. By courtesy of the E.R. & S. Co. Pty. Ltd. (foundation member) Officers we give the following data:

- Height above sea level — 735 feet.
- Height above base — 667 feet.
- Height from ground level — 650 feet.
It is set on a concrete base with external diameter 85 feet.

The external diameter of stack at the base is 52' 1" and tapers to the top to 21' 6". The internal diameter all the way is 14'.

The stock is climbed inside by steel ladders to the top with platforms every 30'.

Costing approximately £400,000, it was built to conform with the "Clean Air" Bill, which requires that the maximum amount of copper di-oxide in the atmosphere is not more than 12 parts in a million.

FROM "THE THREE COLONIES OF AUSTRALIA" — by Samuel Sidney (1853) — Pages 273 - 5:

"Between Botany Bay and Shoalhaven is Illawarra, also known as the Five Islands, one of the most fertile and wildly beautiful districts in the world, which, from the peculiarity of its situation, bounded by the sea for eighteen miles, running north and south, and by a mountain chain which encircles about 150,000 acres, unites the peculiarities of both temperate and tropical climates — a sort of Norway or Switzerland, rocks, lakes, fat alluvial valleys, under a southern sun, tempered by breezes from the sea. We descend from the landward side by crossing a range of hills 1,500 feet in height, so precipitous that it is difficult for a horseman to ride down, and without dismounting, impossible for a loaded dray to descend.

The communication with Sydney, which Illawarra supplies with large quantities of fruit, vegetables, and agricultural produce, is chiefly carried on by coasters from the small harbour of Wollongong, a favourite resort for invalids. Here is a celebrated show-garden, where may be seen fruits and English watercress, tropical oranges, pomegranates, nectarines, and bananas, and avenues covered with grape-bearing vines of all colours. Here is Illawarra Lake, too, than which it is scarcely possible to conceive anything more picturesquely beautiful, environed by rocks and tropical vegetation, peopled with bright-coloured birds.

At Illawarra the palm and the tree-fern flourish, and from land as fertile, and cultivation as careful, as that of Devonshire, a short walk may bring you to a camp of aborigines sheltering from the warm rain beneath their gunyah, the nearest approach to a hut which these poor creatures have contrived."

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHANGED MEETING PLACE — THE MEETING ROOM, NEW TOWN HALL, CROWN STREET, WOLLONGONG.

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