For a period of three years, commencing in December 1886, he served as an alderman of Kiama Council.

He died of influenza in 1893 and was buried in Porter's Garden Cemetery, North Kiama. Alderman Love said of him that he had at all times a high sense of what was right; he had found him to be a good, kind-hearted man in whose death the district had lost a good citizen.

**MILLTHORPE - LUCKNOW - ORANGE - CARCOAR EXCURSION:**

Members of the society will follow a tight schedule on Saturday and Sunday, November 9 and 10, leaving Cross Roads at 6.45 a.m. for the above excursion, already explored by our President.

The route will take excursionists via Wallacia and across the Blue Mountains and Hartley Valley, returning via Lithgow, Bell and the Kurrajong Range to Richmond, Kingswood and home.

**SHOALHAVEN RIVER SCHEME - OUTLINE OF PLANS:**

An officer of the Water Board will outline the scheme for the conservation of Shoalhaven River waters and their diversion to Sydney and Wollongong supplies at the Music Auditorium of Wollongong Teachers' College on Wednesday, November 20 at 8 p.m.

An invitation is extended to anyone interested to attend.

**ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF BELMORE BASIN, WOLLONGONG HARBOUR, TUESDAY, 6th OCTOBER, 1868.**

At the October meeting it was pointed out by Mrs. Mackreth that the following Saturday would be the 100th anniversary of the opening by the Countess of Belmore, wife of the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency, Right Honourable Somerset Richard Lowry-Corry. The picture of the basin under construction in the society's museum was exhibited.

On the night previous to the opening the government steamer "Thetis" berthed with a number of VIPs (the Vice-Regal party travelled overland) and on the opening morning the "Hunter" arrived "with a multitude of people."

The official party boarded the "Thetis" and the "Hunter" took as many of the public as she could carry. The two vessels steamed out about half a mile and on their return Lady Belmore named the basin by breaking a bottle of champagne on the bow of the "Thetis." The actual basin took seven years to build at a cost of $89,784.

The above was taken from "The Port of Wollongong" by C. W. Gardiner-Garden, copies of which are still available at the excellent value of fifty cents at our museum. A.P.F.