GENESIS OF DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS AS GIVEN IN THE CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, 1888:

KIAMA INDEPENDENT: First issued 1863 weekly; 1873 bi-weekly. Joseph Weston, editor and since 1871 sole proprietor.

WOLLONGONG ARGUS: Published since 1868, first as the Express and then as the Banner. Acquired by Donald McDonald Campbell in 1878 when it was issued as the Argus.


"WOLLONGONG ARGUS CHANGES HANDS. January 1, 1892, saw the "Wollongong Argus" pass from D. M. Campbell to John Mackay, Junior.

Campbell, in an advertisement, stated that he had conducted the "Argus" during the preceding twelve years.

Mackay, for his part, advised that he had conducted newspapers in "other parts of the colony" and that he was "a thoroughly practical printer."