will not touch animal food, nor will they touch spirits; but they are fond of maize, sweet potatoes, sugar and water, and bread. The last they call ‘Five Island’, because three shipwrecked sailors who were driven on shore in a boat gave them some biscuit and asked them the way to the Five Islands or Illawarra’.

It is an interesting speculation that these sailors may have been Parsons, Pamphlett and Finnegan, who in March, 1823, left Sydney in an open boat to ship cedar from Illawarra. Gales drove them off their course, and when after many days the weather improved they believed they had been blown far to the south, and consequently sailed in a north-westerly direction to reach Illawarra. Eventually they were wrecked at Moreton Bay, and being still under the impression that they were south of Illawarra and Sydney, tried to make their way further north by land, but had to give up the attempt. Pamphlett and Finnegan were rescued by Oxley at the end of November, 1823, and it was information given by them that led him to investigate and name the Brisbane River. Parsons was found by Oxley on his second visit in September 1824, and brought back to Sydney.

EXTRACTS FROM “THE FREEMAN’S JOURNAL”: 12/10/1872. Narrow Escape. — An old woman living alone in a house near Kerosene Mines, American Creek, had a narrow escape on Sunday morning last by the fall of the head or branch of a tree upon her frail domicile. It fell round the house in such a manner however, that the poor lady escaped more frightened than hurt.

10/1/1874. New Convent School. — We learn that a new Convent school has been opened at Wollongong by the Sisters of Charity.

3/10/1874. The Illawarra Teachers held one of their periodical meetings on Saturday week at the Roman Catholic School, Wollongong, the President (Mr. Inspector McIntyre) occupying the chair. Papers were read on scholastic subjects by Mr. Richardson of the Fairy Meadow Public School and Mr. Martin of the Church of England Denominational Certified School. The members of the profession were hospitably entertained at dinner by Mr. J. Buckley, Master of the school where the meeting took place.

THE CAMPBELLTOWN “TRAM”: The unique passenger service to Camden will end on December 31st and as quite a number appear interested in travelling on it before cessation. We print the following from the Saturday/Sunday Time Table:

SATURDAY: Leave Campbelltown 11.55 a.m. Arrive Camden 12.32 p.m.
Leave Campbelltown 2.14 p.m. Arrive Camden 2.46 p.m.
Leave Campbelltown 4.27 p.m. Arrive Camden 4.59 p.m.

SUNDAY: Leave Campbelltown 10.52 a.m. Arrive Camden 11.24 a.m.
Leave Campbelltown 12.27 p.m. Arrive Camden 12.59 p.m.
Leave Campbelltown 3.27 p.m. Arrive Camden 3.59 p.m.
Leave Campbelltown 5.27 p.m. Arrive Camden 5.59 p.m.

Trains return a few minutes after reaching Camden.

THE EMPIRE GAMES: We record with pride the honour brought to the district by two young people at the current Empire Games, Perth, W.A. We congratulate Alex Alexander, of Thirroul, and Miss Robyn Woodhouse, of Keiraville, who won Gold Medals in the 440 yards Medley Swim and High Jump respectively.

HISTORY OF PORT KEMBLA (Continued 2) by W. V. MINTORN (Hon. Curator/Librarian):

Mr. Mintorn here continues his interesting reminiscences of the development of ‘The Port’.

On 2/3/1907 there was public notification of the final decision to establish The Works of The Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company Pty. Ltd. at Port Kembla. This meant much to the District.

Investigations over a period of years had satisfied the Directors of the Coy. (which had its genesis in The Mount Morgan Gold Mining Coy. in Queensland), that Port Kembla was the most suitable of the sites considered, and also because of successful negotiations with the N.S.W. Government Harbours and Rivers Dept. to build a Low Level Jetty in the Harbour.

On 29/9/07 the tender of F. J. Carson for the erection of the Jetty was accepted.