to remove them by cutting them from their mountings at ground level, and to use the area as a car park. Despite our protests and those of private citizens, the Council persisted with its proposal until Mr. Worland discovered the land was Commonwealth, not State, property. A telegram was sent to the Prime Minister and the Federal Government intervened, resulting in the present compromise. This writer would like to see the gun mountings uncovered.

Secondly, the 68 pounders: As noted, one is preserved at the old Drill Hall, Harbour Street, and the other two at the new establishment in Gipps Road. Here again preservation and mounting resulted from efforts by this Society, in this case the prime mover being a former Hon. Secretary, Dave Ellson, who was (and probably still is!) a C.M.F. officer. Restoration and mounting were completed in 1962 by the army.

Unfortunately nothing was done about the six-inch rifle, our Society not being then in existence, but two out of two is not bad! However, there are some details available, supplied by Mrs. Norris of the Wollongong Reference Library (they know something of everything and never fail on a local historical query!).

The Illawarra Mercury of 13 August 1937 reports:

"The old recoiling gun which has stood for nearly half a century on Signal Hill, adjacent to the new lighthouse, was removed to Sydney last Tuesday by the military authorities. The gun . . . was then the most up-to-date type of armament in the State, replacing old muzzle-loaders."

In a long report the Mercury of 28 June 1890 recorded its arrival on 25 June by the I.S.N. Co's Bega. It stated that as certain spares were still to come it was not to be unpacked for some two months. Apparently this time was optimistic, as evidence suggests it was not put into use until some time in 1891.

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**STILL ANOTHER MANGERTON!**

A further contribution to the discussion on the origin of the name of Mangerton has been made by Mr. Spencer Graham (Member), who has produced documentary evidence of the existence of a mountain named Mangerton, overlooking the Lakes of Killarney, and rising to a height of 2379 feet—a high mountain by Irish standards. The name is said to be a corruption of *An Mhangarta* (The Movements); if so, there are other places in Illawarra which might have borne it more appropriately.

So there is an Irish Mangerton; but the original story was that it was in County Tyrone, from which the Osbornes came. This Mangerton is in County Kerry, almost as far from Tyrone as it is possible to get in Ireland. Nevertheless, Doctor Armstrong has been told by an Osborne descendant that one of the Osbornes spent his honeymoon at Killarney, and that because of this one of the family's Illawarra properties was named Mangerton. The existence of a Mangerton in Northern Ireland remains to be proved or disproved.