BULLI ROAD TREE CUTTING:

The Illawarra Mercury of September 24, 1880, contains the following article complaining about damage to trees when the telegraph line was being erected:

"Tree Cutting.—In clearing the telegraph line along the Bulli Road recently, some party has cut away a very considerable number of saplings and young trees, which should have been preserved from the axe. We have pointed out several times that not only should all the trees along our roads in this district be protected, but that others should be planted on the borders of our highway, when opportunity offered. It happens that on the sides of the road through North Illawarra there are belts of very fine young saplings of the eucalyptus kind. A considerable portion of one of those belts has been destroyed within the last few weeks, and it is of this that we now complain on public grounds. The cutting has been done to clear the telegraph line, but a mere fraction of the destruction of young timber that has been perpetrated would have sufficed for the intended purpose. The matter is one which the North Illawarra Council should see to, and other Councils throughout the district should guard against such acts being done along their roads in future. Not long since the Central Illawarra Council very wisely refused permission to cut down even one tree on the side of the road at Geard’s Hill, but in the instance here referred to some scores of fine young saplings have been ruthlessly destroyed on the Bulli Road."