

Extracts from personal diaries
of R.D.Sanderson.

1884

- Feb. 1st- Foundation Stone laid of St. George's Church Burnie.
Railway to Waratah in Course of Construction.
23. Bishop Sandford & Rev. Bourdillion (1st. clergyman of St. George's Church Burnie) arrived at Burnie.
- Mar. 1st. First station master of Burnie, R.S. Sanderson.
" Town doctor, Dr. Armitage
- Oct. 11. First excursion train to Waratah.
13. V.D.L. office (railway) broken into & set on fire by man named Murray.

1885.

- May 30. Road to the Mersey (Devonport) opened
- June. 5th Coach accident at Forth (Leach killed).
- Sept. 17 Collision with Ballast Train & meat truck at Romain Creek crossing.
- Dec. 4th. New Church (St. George's Burnie) Consecrated by Bishop Sandford.

1886.

- Mar. 7th Waratah Post Office burgled & £154 stolen

1887.

- Mar. 2. First Breakwater Built 1887.
" Block put in on 2nd Mar. 5 p.m.
Mount Lyell cases tried at Waratah.
- Aug. 14. Crane road dislodged from wharf & lighters ashore, (Drawing of Pet & Darling Falls in end of Diary).

1889.

- Mar. 22. Southern Cross. Wrecked off Rocky Cape 10 p.m.
- Apr. 15 Moreton (with coal) from Sydney.
Sailors on spree & broke in R.S.S.'s bedroom door.
- " 22 Hampshire Hotel burned down.
A.W. Johnston new station master at Burnie

1890.

- Jan. Members of Parliament go to Waratah
" " " " " Table Cape
- Jul. 5. Railway opened to the Leven (Ulverstone)
- Oct. 1st Main line Railway taken over by Government
Note R.S.S. measured stump of tree 50⁵ 8" in circumference at 3ft from ground & had no flutes and of sound timber.
- Dec The Mary ashore

1891.

- Jan. 1. New Catholic Church Opened at Burnie.
- Feb. 7. C. Smith shot at Hampshire by D. Polson
" 18 Foundations of V.D.L. Bank laid
" 24 First Burnie Band performance
- Mar Census taken beginning of March

1891 (Continued)

- Aug. 3 V.D.L. Bank closes down.
" 27 Gambier & Easby (?) Collide Former sinks at 12-43 a.m.
on Friday morning 28th.
Dec. 1. First Burnie flower show.

1892.

- Jan. 15. H.M.S. Rapid arrived at Burnie.
21. H.M.S. Rapid put out to sea. Left anchor behind Rapid
23. returns for anchor.
27. 3 shocks of Earthquake felt about 3 a.m.

1893.

- Jan. 25. Man named Bachelor lost himself at Guide Falls. Bachelor
later turned up at Somerset
Apr. 26. Farrell's shop & dwelling burnt down, Farrell died.

1896.

- Jan. 6. Lord Brassey in Burnie.
27 Pierce Jones Wisemans O'Rielly's & Company burnt out at 4 a.m.
this day.
Aug. 25. Railway Bill passed 3rd reading in L. Council See memoranda of
this diary re Sailing Ship Thermopla.

1897.

- Oct. First manager (?) makes first trip up ^{EBR} railway line
" 12 R.S. Sanderson appointed 1st Resident Secretary.

1898.

- June 16 First Town Board at Burnie
July 31 Burnie breakwater damaged
"The ~~Mariner~~^{Mariner} wrecked
Dec. 30. Lord Brassy arrives in the Sunbeam

1899.

- Jan. 11. First sod of N. Burnie Railway turned today
Feb. 6. Daily Mail service by overland to Zeehan inaugurated today.
Mar. 30 Temporary bridge over Pieman River collapsed & 3 men killed

1900.

- Sept. 6. Resignation of Town Board at Burnie
Oct. 2. Sheds at wharf burnt
Dec. 7. Junction of present Gov. railway with Emu Bay R'lway.
" 21 1st. Public through train to Zeehan

1901.

- Jan. 5. Test of railway from Ulverstone to Burnie.
Mar. 25. New wharf used for first time (Jones's Pier) ?
Ap. 15. First regular trains to & from Ulverstone.
June 24. Opening of Methodist Church at Burnie.

1901 (con.)

- July 15 First motor car seen in Burnie.
" 30 Shed on Jones' Pier blown down
Aug 13. Public welcome to soldiers from South African War.
Nov. 9. Clingamite (or Elingamite) wrecked

1903.

- Jan. 17. Mr. A. K. McGaw arrives (new Manager of V. D. L.)
A. K. McGaw took over management of V. D. L. on ^{Mon.} Mar. 2. Feb 1903.
May Violent storm at Wivenhoe
Dec 25 Collision between S. S. Coogee & Fortunato Figari

1904.

- Sept. 14. Snow storm in Burnie.

1905.

- Sept. 30 Jones brickmill & cordial factory burnt down.
Oct. 9. Gunboat Protector arrives at Burnie.

1906.

End of January Great Bush Fires.

1907.

- Jan 19. The Eden Holme breaks up in Easterly Gale.
31 Earth Tremor 5.30 p.m.
Aug 13. Kawateri wrecked at Macquarie Harbour
Sept. 8. Earth Tremor at Burnie

1908.

- Mar. 30 H. M. S. Fantome arrives at Burnie
May 16 Wreckage "Orion" found on Long Island near Cape Barren Island
Nov. 9. Opening of Burnie Bowling Green

1910.

- Mar. 7. Dam washed away at Cocee creek
May 6. Mrs. Wiseman's house being pulled down.
9. Eclipse of sun partly visible at Burnie
19 Halley's comet crossed sun about 12 to 1 p.m.
Sept. 15 The ship Carnarvon Bay wrecked at King Island

1911.

- Jan. 20. J. W. Norton Smith dies.
R. S. Sanderson — Last day at V. D. L. Office —
from Jan 1880 to Feb 25 1911 —
commenced with Tattersall 13th March 1911 — 22 years.
Aug 14. Start made in construction of Burnie Flowerdale Railway

1913

- Jan. 27. New Railway station opened for traffic (situated on marine terrace)

1913. (cont.)

- Feb. 1. Rail service to Wynyard started today.
Aug. 6. Flowerdale railway officially opened
Sept. 13. Opening of Burnie Theatre
Nov. 29. First 60 ton block of new Breakwater lowered into place by Titan crane .

1915.

- Feb. 16. Terrible bush fires all along coast - M Hoare burnt to death.

1916.

- July 30 Eclipse of sun
Oct. 14. W.M. Hughes meeting at Burnie.

1920

- Mar. 2. General Birdwood arrives at Burnie
3. Destroyer Warrego in port
Nov. 1. Mr Hurd lost on St. Valentine's Peak
4. Hurd recovered at hut at Old Park
5. " returns to Burnie.
Dec. 11. "Melbourne" (SS) First steamer to berth at new wharf alongside North breakwater.

1921

- Mar 1. Opening of new harbour works
2. H.M.S Swordsman leaves
May. 1. S.S. Bakara berthed at new wharf
21. W. Hodgman dies at Hobart
July. 31 Heavy snow storm around Burnie
Aug. 3. Further heavy snow storms around Burnie. Train unable to get beyond Guilford
4. No E.B.R. Trains
Dec. 24. S.S. Karilane wrecked off S.E. Corner of Deal Island 7.30. a.m.

1923.

- May. 15; The ketch Dart adrift from Rocky Cape. Later found wrecked at Anderson's Bay — broke up on 19/5/23.
June 18 Commencement of new Post Office on Wilson St. made today
July 30. ~~S.S.~~ Coominderry ashore about 8.30. p.m.
31 " " aground. Crew abandoned
Aug 20 Commencement made in rock foundations of soldiers memorial

1922.

- Mar. 25. Capt. Huxley's aeroplane arrives at Burnie
30 " " " left Burnie
July. 11. Official opening of Stanley Myalla railway

1924.

1924.

- Feb. 17. ^{il} Unverting of soldiers memorial
- Nov. 8. aground in the Mersey Oonah

1927.

- Oct. 22. Clifton House (boarding House) burnt down

1928.

- Jan. 18. Earth Tremor strongest point Campbell Town
- May 12. Hinkler lands at Burnie (Wivenhoe)
- July 14. Hydro-Electric turned on to Sullivans service Car - Burnie side of Forth
- 25. New L'ton Bank for Savings opened at Burnie
- Aug 7. Laying of foundation stone new court house

Notes of Ships in Eou Bay.

Cape Clear	1883.	Sail ?
Highmoor	do.	" ?
Remonstrant	do.	Barque
Wellington	1885	Steamer
Devon	1883	Steamer
Glenochil	1885	Steamer
Australia	1885	" 3rd Mar
Bulmain	do	"
Moreton	1886	Steamer & 1889
Palmerston		
Crummock Water	1889	Barque (Feb 6th)
Southern Cross	do	Steamer wrecked 22/2/89
Pateena	do	150 Passengers Steamer Capt Sams.
Flora	do	Steamer
Manganna	do	"
Coogee	do	"
Newcastle	"	Steamer
Wakefield	"	
Flinders	"	
Mavy	"	
Saida	1894	Yacht
Herbert	do	
Kotomahana	1892	Steam & Yacht
Wainui	do	
Bellinger	1893 June 6	Star
Ouraka	1897 "	Franz barque
Willyama	March	Steamer
Tanteam	Dec. 30. 1898.	May 2 Dorset.
Waikato	Dec. 30. 1900	
Kotuku	Mar 23. 1901	Steamer (coal)
H. M. S. Torch	Mar. 3.	

1898. (cont).

Ginboat Protector.	Oct. 9.	1905.	
Orion		do	wrecked May 1908.
H.M.S. Pioneer	Feb. 17.	1906.	
Oonah Steamer	Aug.	1908 to 1930 roughly.	
Sydney Steamer	Mar.	1910	
Warrego Destroyer	Mar. 3.	1920	
Melbourne (Steamer)	Dec. 11.	1920	
H.M.S. Swordsman	Mar. 2.	1921	
Bakara Steamer	May. 1.	1921.	
Rotomahana		1918. (?)	
Baremba S/S	June 2.	1921	
Aegle Kirk do	Feb. 3.	1923	
Boorara S S	Feb. 5.	"	
Colliboi SS		1923	wrecked
Apr. 18 Loongana do		1923	
Almkirk do	July 24	1923	
Jjikandi do	Sept. 2.	1923.	
Yseldek do	June. 2.	1924	
Merrawah do	Aug. 18.	1924	wrecked
Clan McNaughton do	Nov, 22,	1924.	
City of Dunedin do	"	do	
Clan McFadyen	May 22	1925	
Port Campbell	July 30	1927	
Port Bowen	Jan. 22.	1928	
Heidleberg	Jan. 13.	1929	
Brand SS	April 12	do	