

Menzies Creek Road notable instances of improvement, notably Cole of Richmond.

Should the Minister in the face of such criticism as is being made persist in throwing the Sass. gullies open to destruction, he may at present receive the kudos of a few admirers and persons who allow sentiment to overcome judgment, but in the future his actions would be accorded that condemnation and he will receive an ~~express~~ opprobrium which is being bestowed on him by those who have an ~~int~~ knowledge of the insurmountable difficulties with which the project is surrounded and who desire to preserve intact for future generations the glorious scenery which we now enjoy in the Sassafra.

11th May 1893. DANDENONG ADVERTISER REPORT OF COUNCIL.

Letter - From Sec. Ddg. Water Trust. Protecting at opening hills. Cr. Miller said had attended a deputation but could do nothing with the Min. who was determined to open up the country of the Sass. and they would send another dep. supported by the neighbouring Shire. Moved Council enter strong protest against the proposal, which was most absurd.

CR. LYONES said that for his part he would be very glad to see it opened up as it was real good land and if cleared would produce anything. He would be very glad to have take 600 acs. of it and would soon show it was worth something. He reckoned some of the land was worth £50 an ac. Not a single man, woman or child went to see it, confining themselves to the main Gully and One Tree Hill.

THE PRESIDENT: Said he considered the throwing open of the land would be a good thing for the Shire as it would open up ~~the~~ a country which was not producing any revenue. He considered that 3000 acs. should be thrown open to the gen. public, let them settle on it and let them bring it to a state of cultivation. He would ask the Council NOT TO BE TOO HASTY AND GIVE THE MATTER DUE CONSIDERATION BEFORE FORCING THE HAND OF THE MINISTER.

Cr. SELMAN. Said that it was one of the maddest things that ~~he~~ had ever been introduced and the people were now pegging out IN ALL DIRECTIONS AND OVER-PEGGING ONE ANOTHER. He certainly objected to one of the beauty spots of Vic. within 20 miles of Melbourne, being devastated when there were plenty of other sites available.

1893. ~~Sunday~~ Sunday trains began.

Dec. 1893. BUSH FIRE RAGING for three days in the settlement of the Dandenong State Forest and 15 settlers being completely burnt out.

8th March 1894. ADVERTISER. LONG REPORT OF ~~SIR~~ JOHN MCINTYRE'S VISIT.