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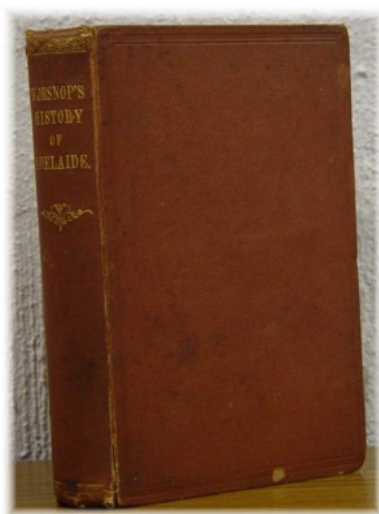
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OF THE
CITY OF ADELAIDE:

FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
IN 1836, TO THE END OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1877,

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P R E F A C E.

THE scope and object of this work are to attempt to elucidate the origin and progress of this City, with a view to deserve the attention of the citizens, and the Author ventures to hope that the work will not be without interest to some of the class of general readers.

The student of the history of this Province finds his enquiries continually directed to the effects of corporate rights and interests, and their influence on the inhabitants of the City, as well as on the public generally, and in no point are these topics unworthy of careful investigation, or of the notice of the public at large.

In the work now submitted to the public, the Author has felt how impossible it has been to accomplish his objects without, to some extent, reviewing historically the rise and progress of the Province, especially in the earlier period of its existence, and in its relative connection with the history of the City, for the legislative power of the Crown (as shown in the policy of the Governors) was then absolute, differing materially from its power in Imperial legislation, or after the establishment of Responsible Government in the Province. He also feels that at times he appears too digressive, but this was hardly to be avoided in the attempt to display the various and changing interests which have affected the City. His object has been to supply easily accessible information to such as are most concerned in attaining it; but neither to them nor to the general reader can he profess to offer other entertainment than what attends the rational pursuit of useful knowledge.

It may be observed that the greatest part of the information contained in the following pages is not to be found in a compiled form elsewhere, it having been collated from various sources, although a large portion of it necessarily consists of extracts from the Municipal Records, and is given in this form to the public to throw light on the local history of the City, and, as far as possible, with the means at his command, a distinct view is given of the successive changes which have occurred, and he commends it to the candid consideration of the historical enquirer. It is not generally known that Adelaide

is the birthplace of Municipal Government, not only in Australia, but in the whole British Colonial Empire. The story of its rise and progress should therefore possess some historic interest, and the completion of the twenty-fifth year of its second municipal existence affords a suitable opportunity for placing before the inhabitants of the Province, of which it forms the metropolis, a narrative of its origin and development, in order to show the results which have been derived from the first attempt at local self-government in a new country.

The Author regrets that in pursuing his researches into the earliest memorials of the City Council he has discovered that many of the relative muniments of that period are not to be found, involving much incompleteness in the series of extracts for the work from the best possible sources.

He has endeavored to quote authorities precise to the point submitted, and if he may not always have done so, or if he may have exercised too little caution or discrimination in drawing inferences therefrom, at least the means are honestly furnished from which such inferences have been drawn; and wherever historical facts have been discussed, and they should prove to the reader uninteresting, he trusts the reader will remember that what to him may be needless information may form valuable knowledge to others, for the only knowledge which can be either useful or satisfactory is that which can be traced to its source.

The facts which are embodied in this work have been collected from the Reports of the Colonization Commissioners, the contemporary Press, the Public Records of the Province, as well as those of the City itself. The writer is also indebted to many private persons for information relating to matters on which the Public Records threw only a partial light. The speeches delivered at some of the most important civic gatherings have been reprinted at some length, in order to show the state of public feeling in relation to events which, as time rolls on, will possess more interest than that which might attach to matters exclusively municipal.

That his work should excite any very extended interest he does not presume to expect, and he can only hope he may experience the indulgence usually conceded to one whose evident desire is to communicate the information, he has at much pains gathered, in the present form.

THOMAS WORSNOP.

Barnard-street West, 1878.

THE CITY OF ADELAIDE :

ITS ORIGIN AND PROGRESS,

FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH
AUSTRALIA TILL 1ST JUNE, 1877.

CHAPTER I.

When young communities first undertake the management of their own public affairs, the majority seldom fails to manifest an imperfect conception of the application of those principles which attach to all sorts of government, municipal or otherwise. They seldom reflect upon what these have done for the advancement of civilization, or for the promotion and preservation of the public weal. Citizens early assert the rights of individual liberty, and their complete recognition of the fact that under British rule it can be justly bounded only by the not more than equal rights of their fellow subjects. For all this, when anything like a superior authority, even though constituted by themselves, and for their own immediate advantage, makes a demand upon the individual purse—the merits and necessities of the case are often lost sight of in the supposition that personal rights are invaded.

Much of the want of success of our first Corporation was distinctly due to this feeling, which manifested itself

CHAPTER X.

The very wet winter of 1846 had reduced the Adelaide streets to the condition of a ploughed field. A deputation waited upon the Governor to urge upon him the necessity of doing something to repair the roadway of Hindley-street. His Excellency, however, declined to interfere in the matter. He stated that a large sum had already been expended on it, and he did not consider that he was called upon to go further. As to Morphett-street, he promised to consider what could be done. It appeared that the carriageway was so bad that the bullock-drays used the footways instead, and pedestrians were thus driven into the road. In July the Governor placed £1,500 on the estimates submitted to the Legislative Council for the repair of the City streets, in addition to the sum of £600 which had already been expended upon them. The voting of this amount did not appear to satisfy the public wants, for the *South Australian*, of July 14th, observes—"The shocking state of the streets and thoroughfares of Adelaide is the subject of universal comment. . . . For the last fortnight they have been in a worse state

ance of the colonial metropolis made upon them. Prior to the election it became necessary to appoint some one to act as Returning Officer at the election for the Mayoralty, because the retiring Mayor, who should have discharged the duty, was a candidate. The following gentlemen were elected :—Mr. Glandfield as Mayor, Messrs. O. Rankin, S. Carvosso, H. L. Vosz, H. Brice, T. English, J. Colton, W. Bunday, and S. Goode as Councillors. About 2,500 of the citizens, or more than one half of those whose names were on the roll exercised their franchise. On the results of the election the *S. A. Register** wrote thus :—“ The eleven gentlemen elected by the ratepayers of Adelaide to fill the office of Mayor, Councillors, and Auditors for the first year under the new municipal system, may be safely said to fully represent the intelligence and respectability of the City at large. Let our readers test the recent elections by the fair process of comparing the representatives who have been chosen with the average of the citizens whose duty it has been to choose them. It will then be seen that the community has nothing to complain of, but that all classes of the ratepayers will be represented in the Civic Council with fairness and ability. There is every reason, in fact, to congratulate the public upon the fresh start which has now been given to municipal matters in this colony.” It was not before a fresh start was needed. Neither economy or judgment had heretofore regulated the civic expenditure. The Council had exceeded their resources, so that their Bankers declined to assist them.

* *S. A. Register*, 18th December, 1861.

and remarked that he should prefer saying what he had to say on the platform, in the presence of the public. The Governor then introduced Mr. Stuart to Lady Daly and the other ladies, by whom he was very kindly received, His Excellency with the ladies and gentlemen present immediately advancing to the platform outside.

“After the cheering had partially subsided, His Excellency addressed Mr. Stuart as follows:—‘Mr. Stuart—I have preferred meeting you upon this platform, because I have desired in the most public manner possible to express to you the admiration I feel for the great qualities you have displayed, the inestimable services you have rendered, and the hardy character that has shone forth in you in your late most glorious achievement. You had undertaken the most difficult and the hitherto deemed impossible task of crossing this continent, and you have accomplished it with a success that sheds honor upon you, and glory on the country you have served. I do not in any way wish to disparage the glorious efforts of others who have gone before you, but who have unhappily sunk under the hardships of the gigantic undertaking they endeavored to accomplish, but which you have successfully encountered. It seemed that by a direct ordination of Divine Providence, the fates of the gallant Burke and your own have so varied. On this very day the colony of Victoria are mourning over those daring men who have gone before you and fallen in the attempt, men who went forth upon the same task as you. They were now assembled to do honor to Mr. Stuart as the first and

CHAPTER XXIV.

The opening of the Town Hall and the festivities with which it had been inaugurated marked a new era in civic affairs. The proceedings of the City Council have assumed a more perfect shape. They are modelled to a large extent upon those of other civic bodies in the mother country, and have become valuable as permanent records and precedents. Since that time independent members of the Legislature have taken more interest in Corporation interests, and the City has been treated more as the metropolis of a great and growing country than as the centre of population only of a petty province. The erection of the Town Hall Buildings in the principal street in the City gave an immense impetus to architectural progress in Adelaide. King William-street—although still a long way from being filled with the palatial structures which in other lands would have been reared on the boundaries of one of the widest streets in the world—shows ample evidence that as leases fall in, and opportunity offers for removing comparatively ancient shops and offices, it will assume that aspect which such a thoroughfare ought to present.

Land order No. 325, originally issued to Mrs. Sarah Cornwell, dated 9th December 1865, has been deposited in the Land Office, but no claim has yet been made for the grant of the acre. The land-order contains the following clause:—"Hath paid for one lot of land, consisting of a town section of 1 acre; and a country section of 134 acres with a right of priority of choice, as provided in the regulations. So soon as the said land shall have been selected, you (the Resident Commissioner), are to put him, his agent, or assigns in possession thereof; and to procure a grant thereof to be made to him, his heirs, and assigns, subject to the laws and regulations of the Colony."

In the month of March, 1837, the balance of the 1,042 acres of Town Lands, beyond the 437 land-orders, viz:—605 acres was sold by auction, realising the prices named below:—

Acre.	Purchaser.	Acre.	Purchaser.	Price.
1	N. A. Knox	17	C. G. Everard	
2	Charles Edmonds	18	S. A. Company	
3	W. H. Gray	19	Do.	
4	M. D. Hill	20	John Covey	
5	Wm. Bruce	21	T. G. Darton	
6	Lord Stuart de Rothsay	22	Oswald Smith	
7	Nathaniel Morphett	23	Robert Thomas	
8	G. Morphett and R. Addison	24	Do.	
9	Pascoe St. Leger Grenfell	25	S. A. Company	
10	S. A. Company	26	Governor Hindmarsh	
11	Do.	27	John Brown	
12	George Barnes	28	Robert Biddulph	
13		29	Do.	
14	John Rigg, jun.	30	Do.	
15	S. A. Company	31	Rev. J. Garden	
16	R. N. Burton	32	George Barnes	
Acre.	Purchaser.	...	...	...
33	John Barton Hack, Adelaide	...	...	£5 5 0
34	Do.	...	...	4 12 3
35	Captain Berkeley, Adelaide	...	...	5 10 0
Acre.	Purchaser.	Acre.	Purchaser.	
36	Catherine Baguly	38	S. A. Company	
37	Governor Hindmarsh	39	S. G. Smith	
40	James Coltman, Adelaide	...	...	6 6 0
41	Robert Thomas, Adelaide	...	...	7 14 0
Acre.	Purchaser.	Acre.	Purchaser.	
42	Chosen prior to the sale	45	S. A. Company	
43		46	J. P. Nodin	
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Adobe Acrobat Reader 4 or later should be used. Adobe Reader 6 (as it is now named) in fact has considerably better searching options and is recommended.

- **Acrobat Reader v4** has both a “Find” and a “Search” tool. Those tools are two *totally* different things. Our CDs (that are searchable) work with the *FIND* tool
- **Acrobat Reader v5** has only a “Find” tool (not a “search” tool). Our CDs (that are searchable) work with the *FIND* tool.
- **Adobe Reader v6** has only a “Search” tool (not a tool labelled “Find”). HOWEVER — what is called “Search” is the same as the tool that used to be called “Find” Our CDs (that are searchable) work with the *SEARCH* tool

Tips For Searching and Getting More From the CD Books

- update to Adobe Reader 6 for more versatile searching options, including the ability to bring up a list of all instances of the word you are searching for — across multiple files on a single CD in a single search request.
- enter the MINIMUM number of characters needed to bring up the search results required.
- use Adobe Reader 6 to do some trial searches to try to identify the characters that may be misread. These can show up in the extra text in the search results list (Adobe 6 only). A few minutes trial will help you to avoid using characters that are more prone to being misread, e.g. try entering “rederi” if you want “Frederick”, but find that the letters “F” “c” and “k” are sometimes misread.
- use the “Match whole word” option to eliminate unnecessary items in your results list, e.g. to eliminate all the blacksmiths and tinsmiths etc when you only want the name Smith.
- use the “Match case” option to eliminate all the occupations “smith” if you only want the name “Smith”.
- don’t just search for names. Search the book for other names, places and subjects of interest:
 - › look for others of the same name
 - › look for others who lived in the same place or street
 - › who was the postmaster or police officer in the town?
 - › how often and at what time did the coach arrive in town?
 - › what churches were there and what time were services held?
 - › what other activities were there in the community?
 - › look for others who had the same occupation or other interests
- all of this and more may be available in a seemingly mundane book such as a directory. You can learn much of the background of life at the time, even if your ancestor is not listed there.
- Many CDs have only one file, but some have the book content spread over several files. Adobe Reader normally searches in the file that is open at the time. If you wish to search ALL files at once choose the “All PDF documents in” option and select the CD drive or directory the files are in—Adobe Reader 6 only.

ADOBE ACROBAT SEARCHING IS A WONDERFUL FIRST FINDING AID.
BUT DO NOT RELY ON IT TO PICK UP ALL THE INFORMATION YOU WANT

