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Australia:

THE WHEAT AND GARDEN STATE.



OPPORTUNITY for BOYS

TO BECOME

- - FARMERS.



ISSUED BY THE
GOVERNMENT
IMMIGRATION
DEPARTMENT.



By Authority of
THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS
AND IMMIGRATION



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The Scottish Agricultural Commissioners

In their report on Australia state—

“ After a year or two of service the newcomer finds himself ready for a start on his own account. If he possessed a few hundreds when he landed, he will probably now seek to become his own landlord in one or other of the ways open to him. If, however, he has as yet too little money for that, he will be well advised to take no risks, but to be content meantime either with renting a farm or with farming on the share system. A man who is intelligent and industrious, who has had sufficient experience of farming in Australia, but who has not enough money to buy land, cannot do better than turn his attention to farming on shares.”

Opportunity for Boys to Become Farmers.



The South Australian Government is now offering assisted passages to the State to respectable boys between the ages of 15 years and 19 years who are physically capable of and wish to take up farm work with a view to eventually becoming farmers.

Passage Money.

The amount that must be paid by each boy selected for migration to South Australia is TEN POUNDS. This amount will, in addition to cost of passage, cover expenses incurred by the State on the boy's behalf before leaving England and during the voyage, and after his arrival in the State until he reaches his destination.

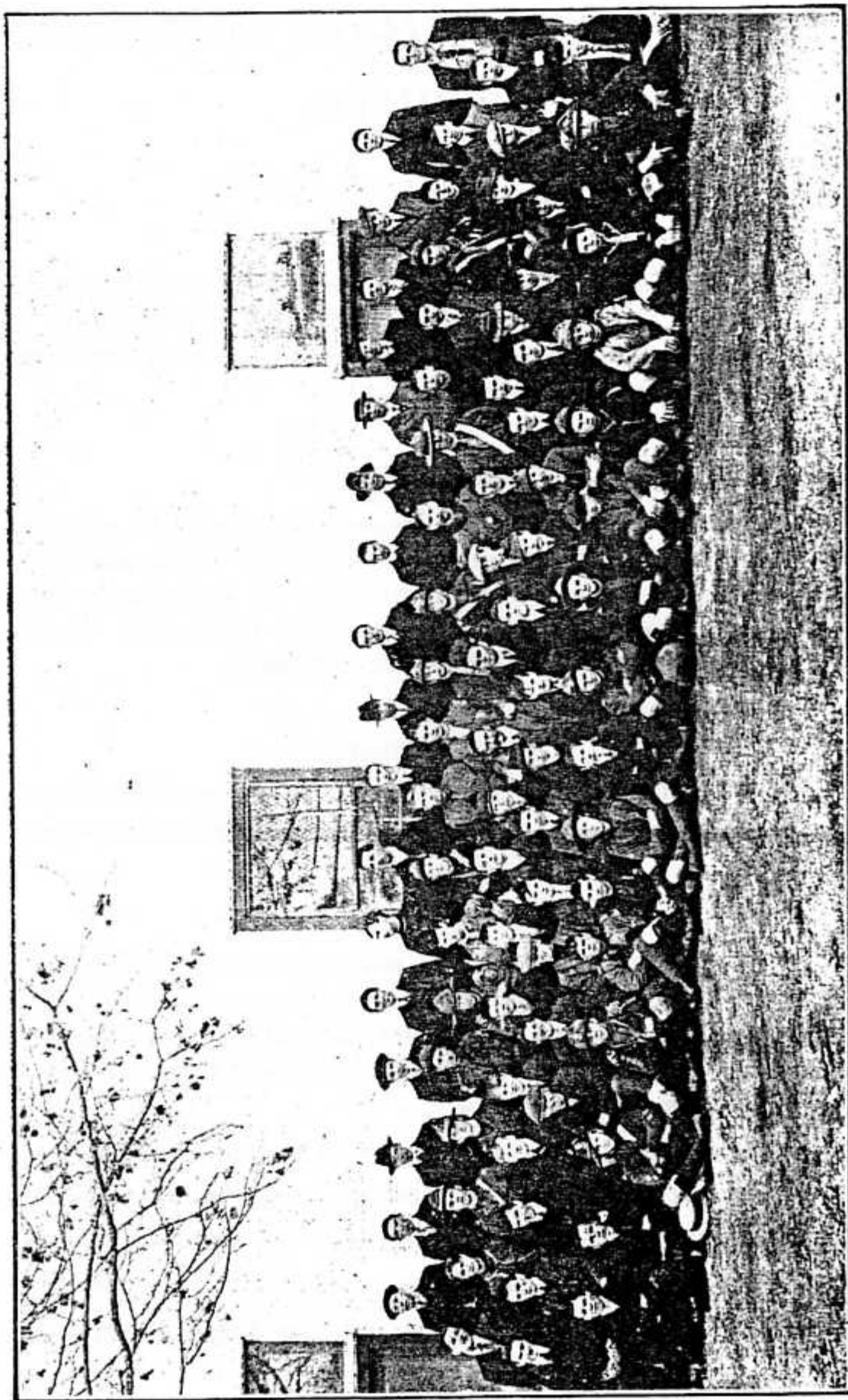
Apprenticeship.

The boys will be apprenticed to farmers for not less than one year nor more than three years under agreement in form printed on page 14.

Wages.

The minimum rates of wages, in addition to board and lodging, to be paid to the boys during the period of the apprenticeship shall be subject to the approval of the Minister, and will vary according to the ages and experience of the boys. It is anticipated that the minimum rates will be as follows:—

First four months . 8/- to 10/- per week with board and lodging
Balance first year . . 10/- to 15/- per week with board and lodging
Second year 12/6 to 17/6 per week with board and lodging
Third year 15/- to 20/- per week with board and lodging
with double the rates mentioned in each case during the harvesting period.



Party of British Lads, Arrived South Australia per s.s. "Beltana," June, 1913.

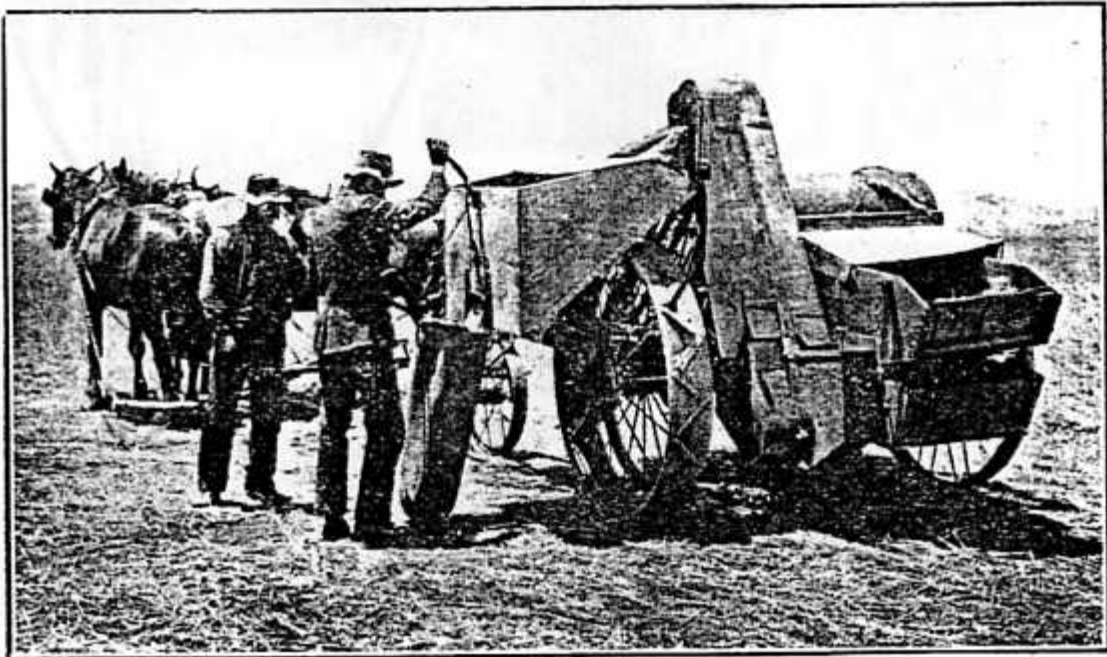
Saving Wages.

Each boy will be paid out of his wages two shillings and sixpence per week as pocket money, and the balance of the wages earned by him will be paid by the farmer to the Government and placed to the boy's credit in the Treasury, being retained there at 4 per cent. interest per annum until the boy attains the age of 21 years, when the amount to his credit will be paid to him.

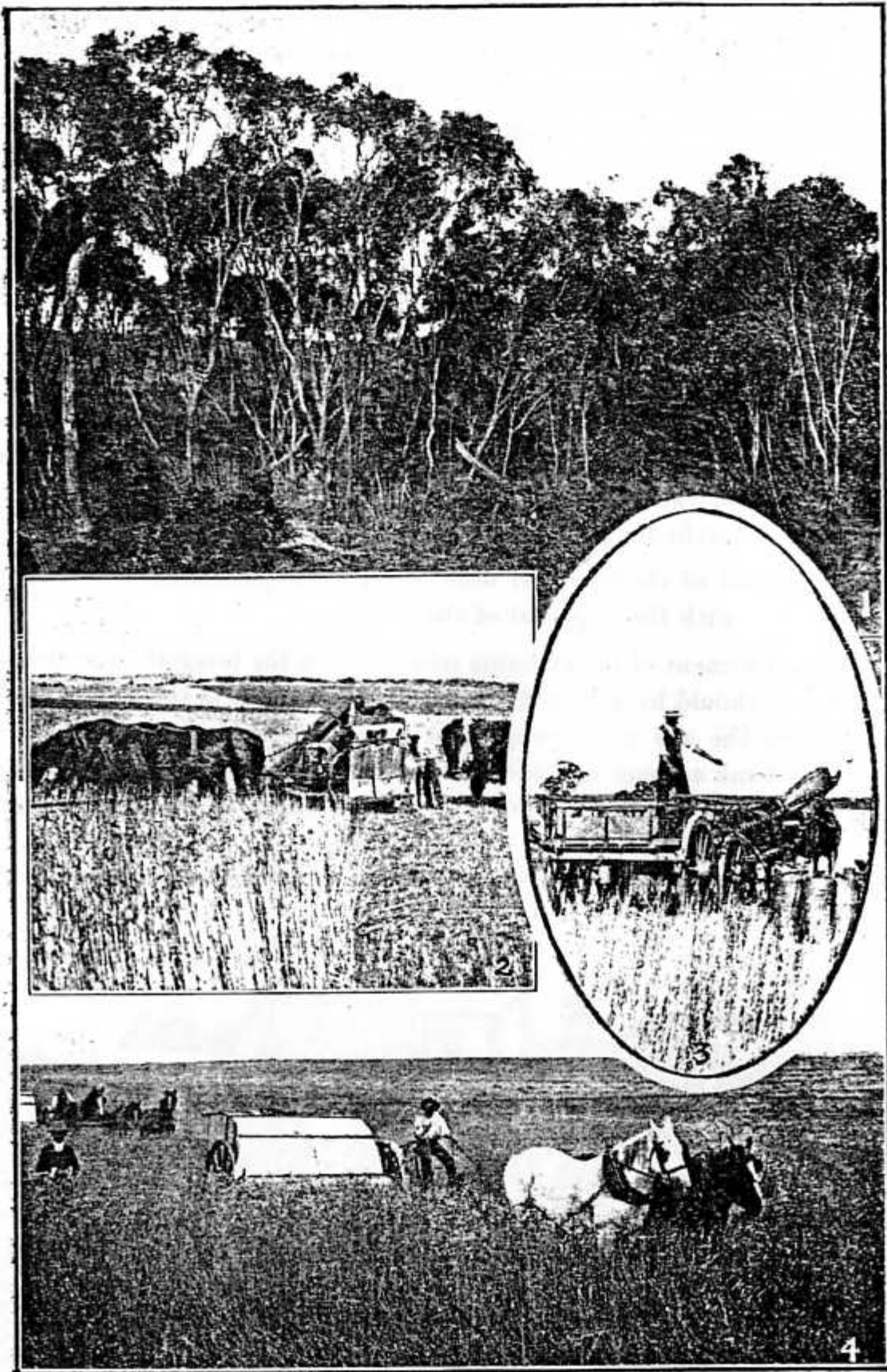
The boy's account in the Treasury will be debited with—

- (1) Amount, if any, payable by the boy for passage money and expenses incurred by the Government on his behalf before or during his passage to the State or after his arrival in the State.
- (2) Amount, if any, advanced by any person, society, or association in the State or elsewhere towards the passage money or outfit for the boy.
- (3) Cost of clothing and other necessities purchased by the boy with the approval of the Minister.

After payment of the amounts mentioned in the foregoing paragraph each boy should have from £70 to £100 to his credit in the Treasury on attaining the age of 21 years, and by transferring the amount to a savings bank account and adding to it from wages subsequently earned he would soon be in a position to become a farmer on his own account.



A Complete Harvester—Bagging the Grain.



1. Virgin Mallee Land. 2. Bagging Wheat from Harvester.
 3. Loading Wheat with Bag Lifter. 4. Stripping Wheat on Mallee Land.

Parents' Consent.

Each boy must have the consent of his parent or guardian to his migration to South Australia.

Discipline During Voyage.

During the voyage the boys will be in charge of a superintendent, whose instructions they will be required to obey. Facilities for drill and recreation will be provided on the steamer, and cables will be sent from ports of call and destination through the Chief Emigration Agent for South Australia to the relatives of the lads announcing their safety and well-being.

Control of Minister.

During the period of apprenticeship all the lads who take advantage of this offer will be wards of the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration, who will have the care, control, and management of the boys, will see that they are properly treated, and that the wages are fair.

The boys will observe that the agreement provides for fines being imposed upon them for absconding or wilful negligence, but they are urged to mention to the head of the Immigration Department in the monthly report of progress, which they will have to send him, any matters which may, in their opinion, require adjustment, and the Minister is authorised to, if considered desirable, cancel the agreement and remove the boys to other situations. They will find that many of their difficulties and troubles can be removed if they make them known to the department.

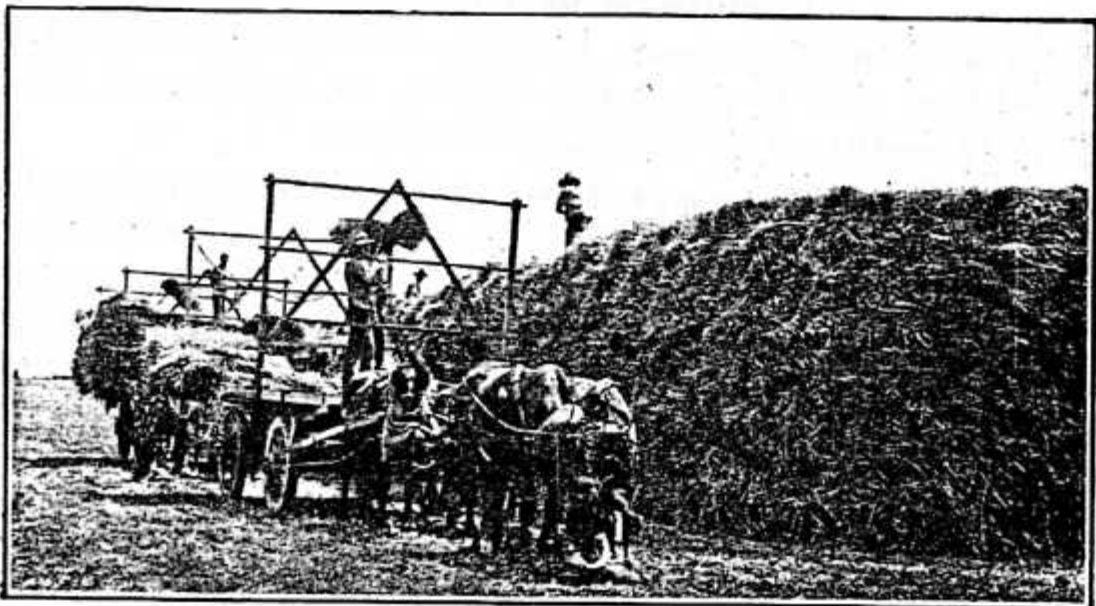
Conditions of Employment.

No boy is urged to migrate, but those who avail themselves of the opportunity must be prepared to abide by the conditions explained in this pamphlet. They must understand that—

- (1) Only rural work is available for lads, but farming, fruitgrowing, dairying, &c., offer by far the best prospects for their future.
- (2) Whilst the life offered to the boys has many advantages and attractions, the work will, of course, be hard, dull, and monotonous at times, and on some days the hours will be long, and owing to farms in South Australia being, as a rule, scattered and distant from towns, the boy may at first experience a feeling of loneliness which should, however, after a time wear off as the boy becomes interested in his work and used to his surroundings.



Cutting Wheat for Hay on Mallee Land.



Building a Haystack.

- (3) Each boy will be expected to be useful about the house, and should remember that willingness in this direction will insure a kindly regard from the employer and his wife, which may lead them to give a helping hand to enable him to make his first start at farming on his own account.
- (4) The movement for apprenticing the lads being in its infancy, those who apply and are selected must remember they have the good name of British lads to keep up, and must do their best to succeed.
- (5) Although the food and prospects are good, only willing hard workers succeed.
- (6) Cigarette smoking is considered objectionable, and will not be allowed on the voyage or on the farms.

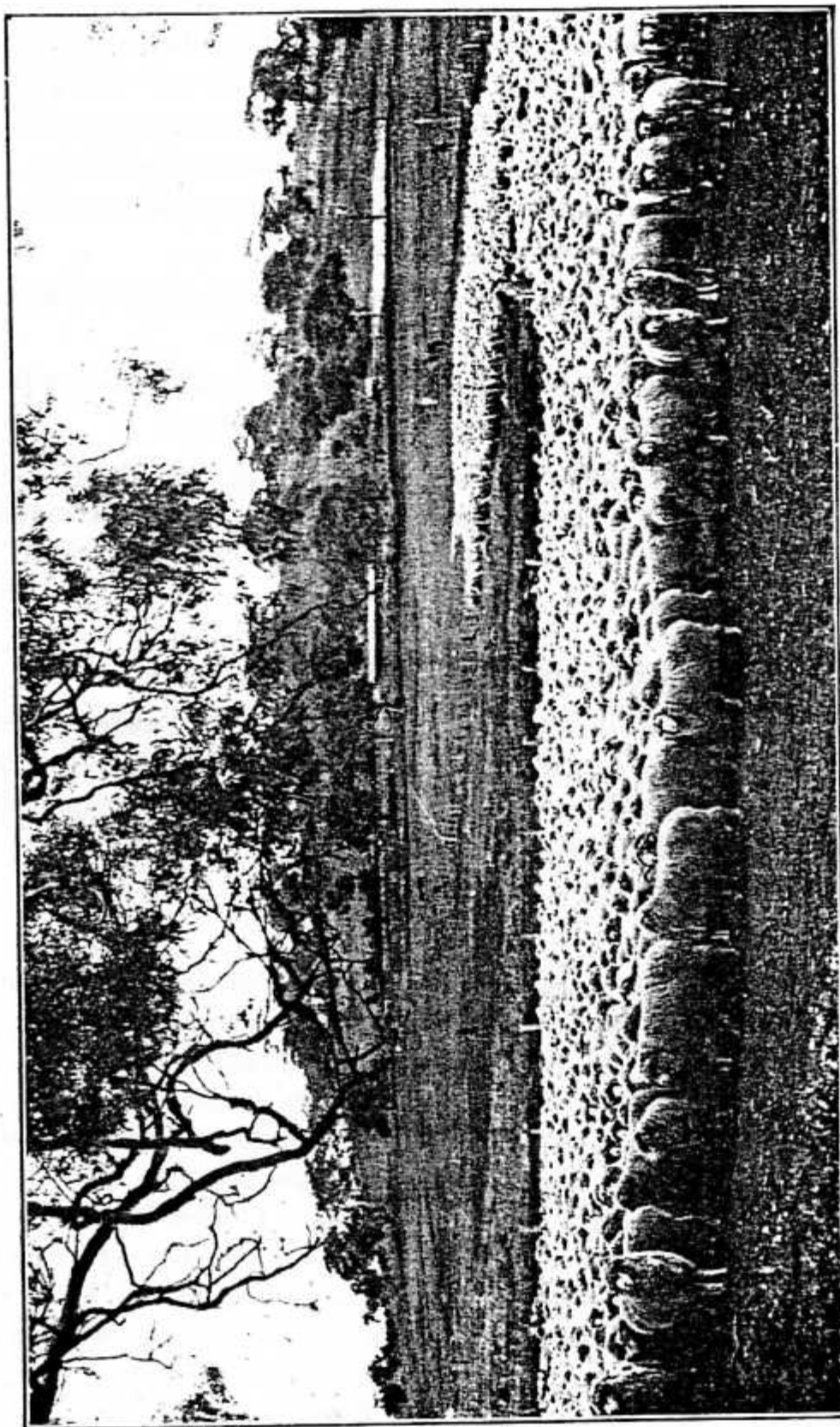
The work will include milking, stone-picking, ploughing, carting water, clearing and burning scrub, fencing, chaff-cutting, attending to stock and poultry, trapping rabbits, chopping wood, odd jobs, and general farm work.

Compulsory Military Training.

The provisions of the Commonwealth Defence Act, under which all male inhabitants of Australia who are British subjects and not specially exempted are liable for military training, will apply to farm apprentices introduced to South Australia.

Outfit.

The outfit should include at least two suits, one jersey, two pairs of boots, one pair of slippers, two sets of woollen under garments, four shirts, a canvas overcoat (rainproof), two blankets, two towels, two pairs dungaree trousers, soft felt hat and cap, braces, soft collars, ties, handkerchiefs, socks, and hair, tooth, nail, and clothes and boot brushes. When purchasing the clothing due allowance should be made for the fact that the boys will grow rapidly on the voyage and in South Australia, and also that such outfit will be expected to serve a boy for a considerable period, and therefore most of the clothing should be of large sizes. The outfit must be packed in an iron-clamped wooden box 32in. x 16in. x 16in., with lock, hooks and eyes, strongly corded, and fitted with two $\frac{1}{2}$ in. battens to raise it from the ground. A box of this size will go in the cabin, and will be supplied by the Government, and the cost will be included in the amount of £10 to be paid by each boy.



A Flock of South Australian Sheep.

If any boy is not in a position to provide this outfit, the officer of the South Australian Government may probably be able to arrange with Mr. T. E. Sedgwick, 33, Oriental Street, Poplar, E., London, for the cost being advanced.

Arrangement for Embarkation.

All approved applicants for assisted passages as farm apprentices will receive, with their steamer tickets, about a week or 10 days before they sail; information from the officer of the South Australian Government as to the train by which it has been arranged for them to travel to London or Liverpool, as the case may be. Provision will be made at Government expense for the housing over night of each party, and the conveyance of them to the steamer on sailing day.

On arrival in South Australia each party will be met by officers of the Immigration Department and conducted to accommodation provided by the Government, where they will remain free of charge until placed.

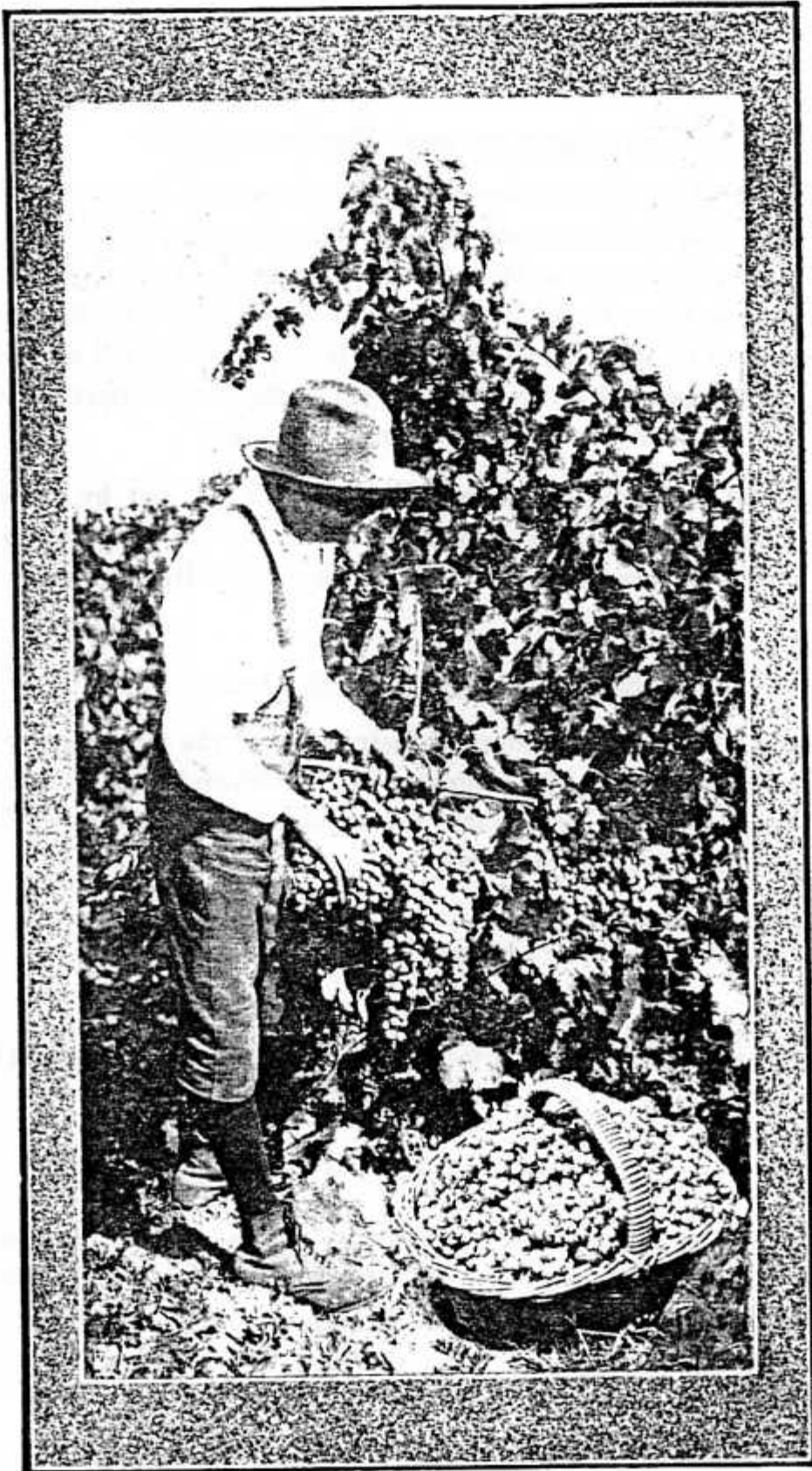
Nomination of Relatives.

When the boys have discharged their debts to the Government they will be able, subject to the approval of the Government, to nominate their brothers, sisters, and mates for assisted passages, provided that there is employment awaiting them.

Experiences of British Lads on South Australian Farms.

A party of 81 British lads was tried on farms in South Australia in 1913 with satisfactory results. The Head of the Immigration Department has received letters from the lads, and copies of some of them, which will be interesting to boys thinking of migrating, are printed hereunder:—

“ The people are very kind to me I am in a comfortable place, and there is nothing to stop me from getting on and becoming a farmer within a few years, seven or eight. I am glad I came out here,



Grape-picker at Work in a Vineyard near Adelaide.

as I can see I am better off than when I was in England. I hope all the other lads are as satisfied as I am. I mean to stick here as long as I can. I am getting on great with my governor and all."

"I could not be with better people than who I am with. I am treated as if I was one of their own. Where they go I go with them, and what they have I have also. Although this is a dry season it does not make my governor cross towards me."

"In my first month's work I learned to ride and harness a horse, drive and milk cows. Mr. _____ is a jolly nice man, and has got patience with anyone, so it gives me encouragement to strive on, put my mind into my work, and make it a success."

"What I am learning about farming I like very much, and the life makes you strong and healthy. I have heard from my other two friends, and they say that they have good people to work for, and they also like the work."

"I am now doing very well. I try to learn all I can in farming, as I hope, in three or four years, to try share farming. I am used now to all kinds of implements except the drill, which I shall be used to after seeding time. I am now to try the binder. Thanking you for your past services."

"I thank you for the trouble you took over us boys, and I am highly pleased with my situation, and I would much rather be here than in the old country. Hoping you will advise plenty more lads to come out here."

Apprenticeship Agreement.

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Memorandum of agreement made this.....day of19...., in pursuance of "The Immigration Act Amendment, Act, 1913," between....., Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration for the State of South Australia on behalf of His Majesty the King (hereinafter called the "Minister") of the first part.....lately arrived in the State of South Australia (hereinafter called the "employé") of the second part, and.....of..... (hereinafter called the "employer") of the third part, whereby it is agreed by and between the parties as follows, that is to say:—

1. In consideration of the agreements hereinafter contained on the part of the Minister and the employé, the employer hereby agrees with the Minister and with the employé that he will employ the employé upon his..... situated at..... for the term of..... years from the date of these presents at a wage of..... shillings per week during the first four months, and shillings per week during the remaining eight months of the first year; shillings per week during the second year, and shillings per week during the third year: Provided that in respect of the period of harvest (any dispute as to the duration of which shall be determined by the Minister), the rate of wages shall be doubled. The wages shall be payable as follows:—The sum of two shillings and sixpence per week shall be paid to the employé for pocket-money, and the balance shall be paid monthly to the Minister or his appointee upon trust for the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

2. The employer, for the consideration aforesaid, hereby further agrees with the Minister and with the employé that he will during the said term teach the employé the business of..... and maintain him with proper food, nourishment, and lodging, and treat him with consideration and humanity, and shall grant the employé reasonable facilities at least once on every Sunday to attend some place of divine worship according to the tenets of the religious persuasion in which the employé has been brought up, or which he professes, if there is any such place within three miles from the residence of the employer.

3. In consideration of the above agreement on the part of the employer and the agreement hereinafter contained on the part of the Minister, the employé hereby agrees with the Minister and with the employer that he, the employé, shall and will truly and faithfully serve the employer during the said term and conform to all his lawful and reasonable orders, and shall and will be honest, upright, and diligent in the discharge of his duties; and that during the said term the employer may pay all wages earned by the employé (with the exception of the sum of two shillings and sixpence per week hereinbefore mentioned) to the Minister or his appointee; and that such wages (with the interest thereon) shall be held by the Minister or his appointee, and be applied firstly in payment of the amount of which is hereby acknowledged to be due by the employé to the Minister in respect of moneys advanced and expenses incurred by the State on the employé's behalf before and (or) during his passage to the State and (or) after his arrival in the State: Secondly, in repaying any money advanced by any person, society,

or association in the State or elsewhere towards the passage money of the boy, and (or) expended in providing him with an outfit for the purposes of his coming to the State : Thirdly, for the benefit of the employé when and in such manner as the Minister from time to time deems advisable ; any balance (subject as hereinafter provided) to be paid to the employé upon his attaining the age of 21 years.

4. It is hereby further agreed that the employer shall, with the consent in writing of the Minister first had and obtained, have the right at any time during the said term, if the employé is guilty of such misconduct as would justify a master in dismissing a servant, or for any other reason which appears good and sufficient to the Minister, to dismiss the employé.

5. The employé hereby agrees to abstain from smoking cigarettes during the term of his apprenticeship.

6. The employé hereby further agrees that if the Minister is satisfied that the employé has been guilty of misbehaviour, or of wilful neglect of duty, it shall be lawful for the Minister, by writing under his hand, to forfeit any moneys held by the Minister on behalf of the employé, or any part of such moneys, and to apply all moneys so forfeited in manner provided by section 15 of "The Immigration Act Amendment Act, 1913."

7. The employer hereby further agrees that he will not assign or transfer the employé, or make over to any other person the services or care of the employé, without the consent in writing of the Minister first had and obtained.

8. It is hereby further agreed between the parties hereto that the Minister shall have power to appoint from time to time some person or persons who shall have authority to visit the employé at all reasonable times and to inquire as to whether he is being well treated, and as to whether the employer is abiding by the provisions of this agreement, and to report to the Minister thereon, and the employer shall not in any way interfere with any such person in the exercise of such authority, but shall allow him every facility necessary for the exercise thereof.

9. If at any time during the said term the employer fails to abide by the provisions of this agreement, or any of them, or is not properly treating the employé, or in any other case provided by the said Act, it shall be lawful for the Minister to terminate this agreement and to withdraw the employé from the service of the employer, and the employer shall have no redress or remedy whatever for such withdrawal or loss of service, and if the agreement is so terminated or otherwise becomes of no effect, the Minister may, by order in writing signed by him, require the employé forthwith to return to any place or institution to be named in the order, and the Minister may, by the same or a separate order, require the employer forthwith to deliver the employé to some person therein named.

10. The employer and the employé hereby severally further agree to abide by all the provisions of "The Immigration Act Amendment Act, 1913," and of all Regulations thereunder.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto subscribed their names on the day and year first above written.

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| Signed by the said..... | } | |
| on behalf of His Majesty the King, in the presence of | | |
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For any further particulars required application
should be made to the—

Agent-General for South Australia,

85, Gracechurch Street,

London, E.C.



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Powlett's Bay

Deval Bay
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PASTORAL LANDS.—Large Areas available for occupation.

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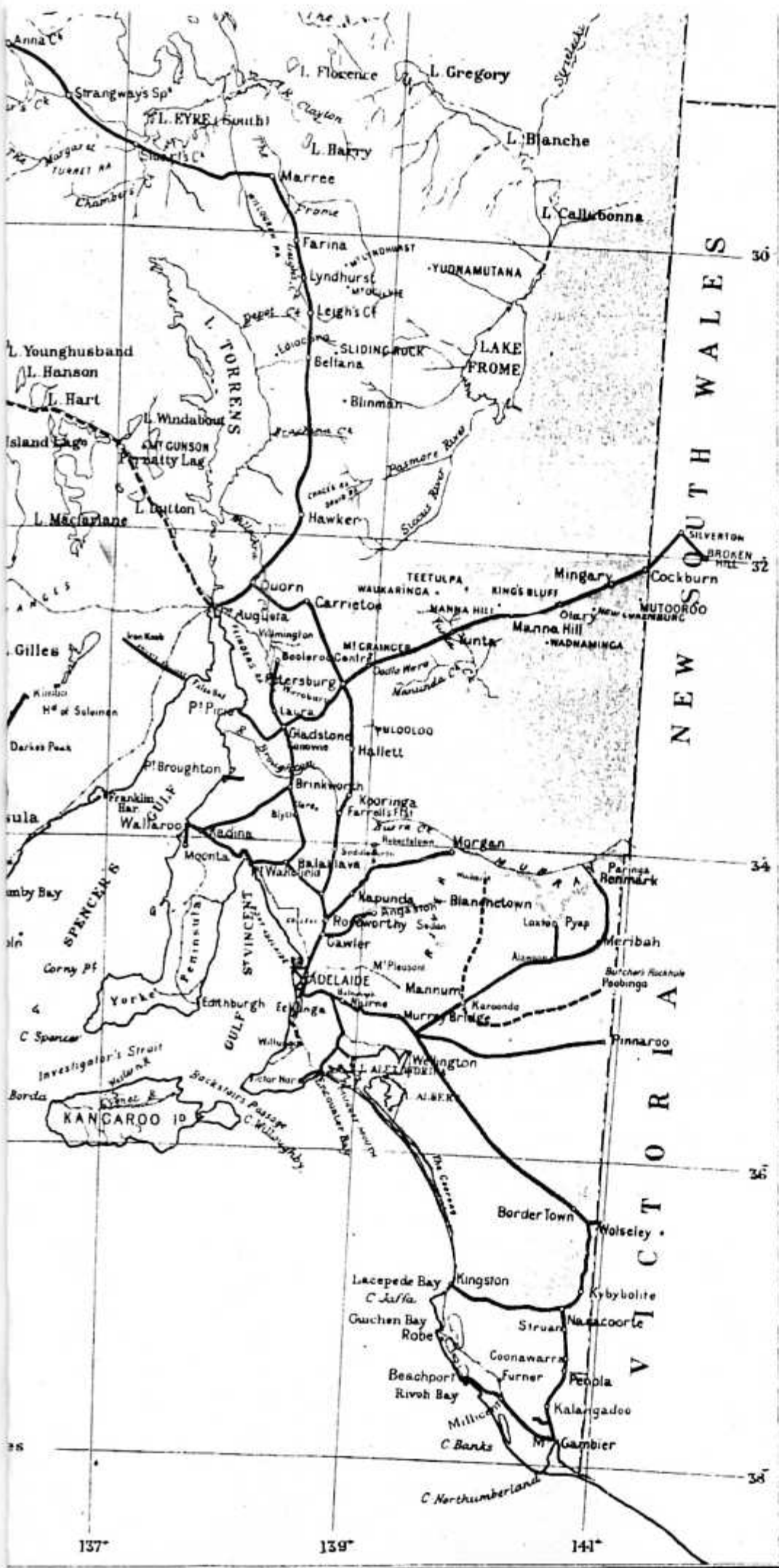
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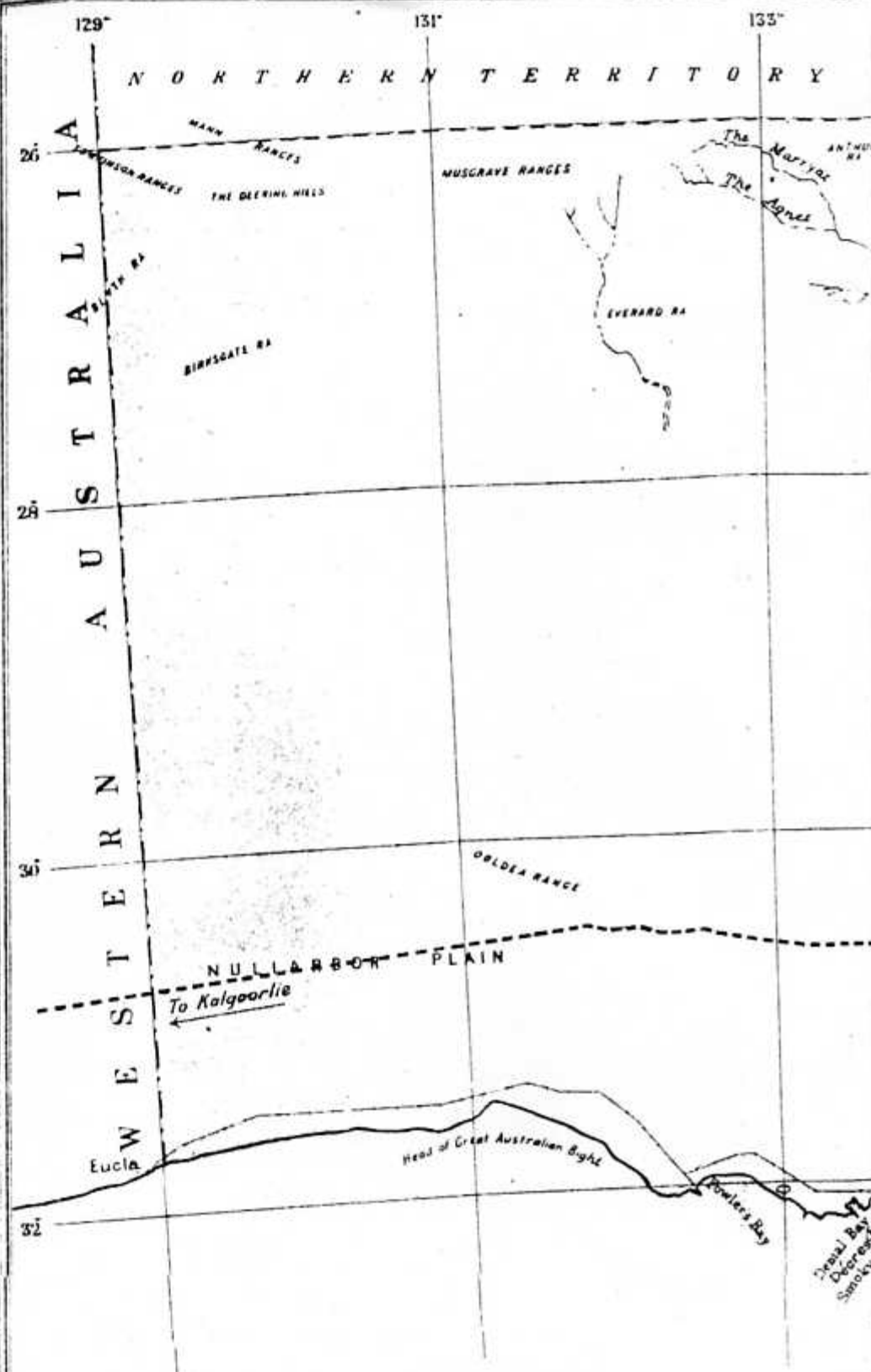
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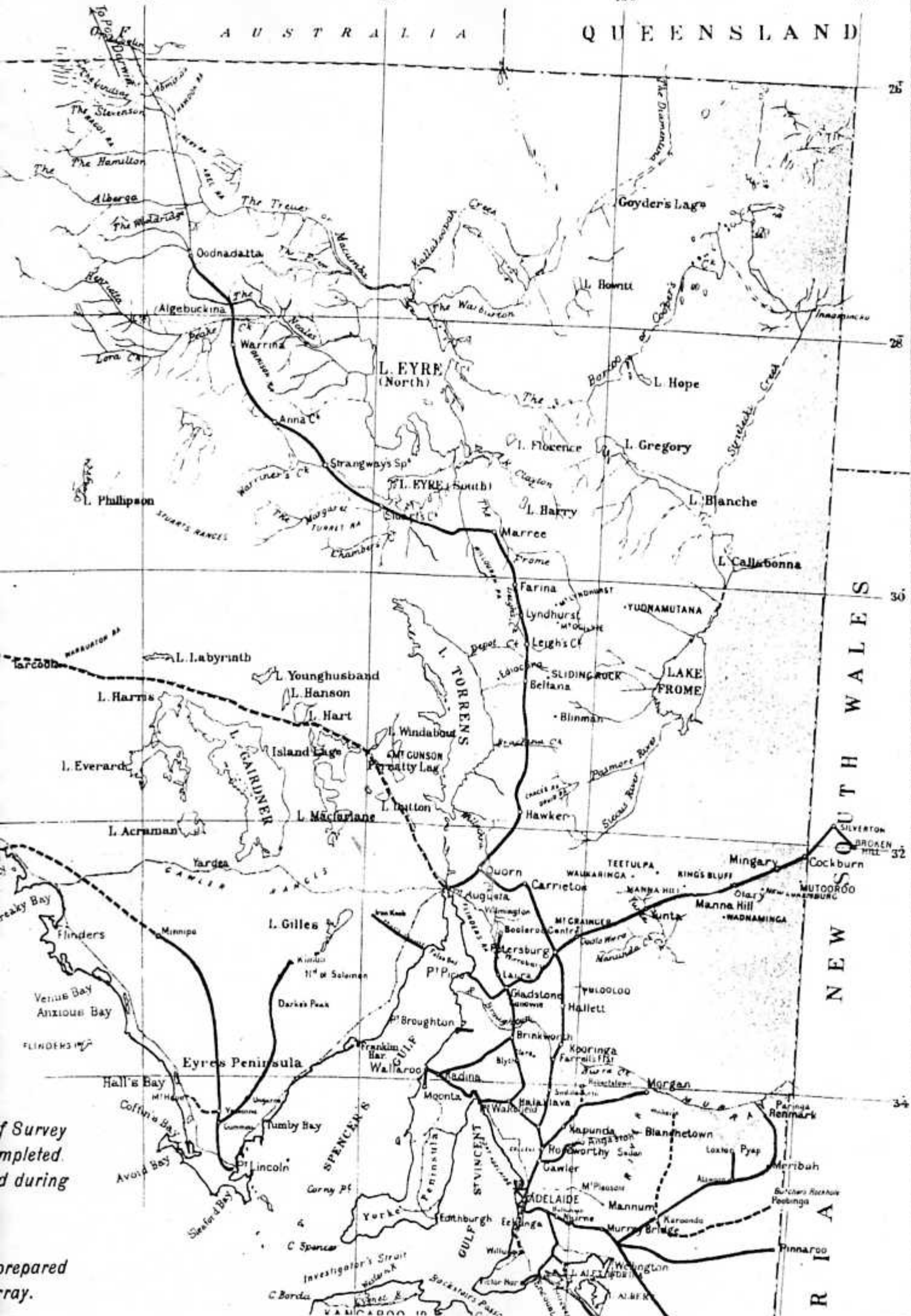
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