6/11/1914

Work is being pushed' on at the local

brickworks, about 25,000 bricks bavins

been niado to dato. Those will be used

in making tho kilns, etc! W hen in full

swing, tho machinery at the workp will

vbo capablo of putting out 24,000 bricks

a day,

24/11/1927

BRICKWORKS BARRED

Katoomba, Thursday

In consequence of the receipt of a

petition signed by ninety local resi-

dents, Katoomba Council has decided

to prohibit the establishment of a

brickworks at North Katoomba. Steps

will be taken (shortly?) to have the area

proclaimed a residential area.

16/3/1928

THE BRICKWORKS

PETITION TO MINISTER.

Recently, some enterprising per-

son conceived the idea of opening a

brick works at Katoomba North. At

once an agitation was instituted am-

ong local residents, who petitioned

tho Council to declare the environs

of the proposed brick-works a resi-

dential area.

The Council concurred, and took

the initial steps in the desired di-

rection; the outcome being an ad-

vertisement by the Minister, asking

for objectors to lodge their protests,

if any.

On Tuesday night, Katoomba

Council received a communication

from the Local Government Depart-

ment, stating that it had received a

letter from Mr. P. V. Tabrett, on

closing a petition from 125 alleged

ratepayers in the vicinity, protesting

against, the area being gazetted resi-

dential.

Several aldermen scanned the list

of "residents in the locality," and

declared that the majority of them

dwelt afar from the site of the con-

tentious brick-works. They stated

that the petition obviously emanated

from persons quite disinterested in

the question, at least from a resi-

dential aspect.

It was resolved to instruct the

Town Clerk to compile a list of the

objectors, with their addresses, and

any available Information to reveal

how close they lived to the locality

affected.

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KATOOMBA ?

BRICKWORKS. COMPANY

FORMED.

SHE NEAR TOE MARKED

TREE

Trade House Pty. Ltd., on

behalf- -of- Mr. A. G. D. Shan

non, sought permission of Ka

toomba Council . this week to

erect a plant for the manu-

, facture of bricks on property

adjoining the Main Western

Road In the vicinity of the

Marked Tree.

Aids. Freelander and Scarf, who

are interested in the new company,

left the room; but before doing so

the former answered a number of

inquiries from his colleagues. .He

advised the Mayor that the com

pany's products would compare ;

more than favorably with the class i

of material being obtained from I

Sydney and Lithgow, and that pro

duction would include .the whole

range of bricks and, subsequently,

roofing and ordinary, tiles, and

pottery. Aid. Bailey was assured

that the buildings would be out of

sight of the Main ' Road, but with

r access to it, and Aid. Mating was

informed that the area of land (75

! acres) would not interefere with

Nellie's Glen. In rep)y to Aid. Hodg

son the speaker said much of the

capital had been "subscribed, and

he. anticipated an early start, with J

the erection of plant and buildings.

Council asked Inspector Thomas

to make a report available for next

meeting; but, individually, the al

dermen are happy to encourage

local industry..

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25/2/1938

better and cheaper

homes

ADVANTAGES OF NEW BRICK- .

MAKING INDUSTRY.

EXTENSIVE SHALE

r DEPOSIT

Katoomba hopies from Ka-

toomba bricks — better homes

built ' with better bricks, at.

less cost.

It sounds like a home-

builder's dream; "yet its re

ality will soon be beyond, dis

pute.

Katoomba's 'new industry

is on the way.' Buildings and

plant are being erected and

shortly will be witnessed the

manufacture of fifty thousand

superior bricks per working

week. Many orders are already,

awaiting fulfilment.

It Is good news for the Blue

Mountains, for Industry iB e-

thing all' should seek to encpuiage.

We cdnnot hope for ever to be folly

dependent on the tourtat-i triP

and holidaymaker. So, in a smal

way, the hew brickworks brings

advantages to the district — \_ quick

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trict. For these reasonsaUvdll

wish the hew company well in its

undertaking. Not that its fu ""L

doubtful. On the contrary,

are of rosy hue. The Pr0reBS

development of the. Blue Mountains

"iL'SKS6 SSTtASt

PlTn partmallor'capital g

subscribed— to the value of £3600,

to be exact. No special efiorthas

been made to secure /t, and\_ litue.

i remains to be subscribed. Tb

itself indicates the faith local

vestors beve In the project.

ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF,

shale.

This week we visited the Blte.of

the works, where all speed Is be

ing made in getting ready the

several unlts of manufacture. An

interesting .process,- too, , ,

hope to fully describe In a later

issue. First ana foremost, of

course, is the quaUty of the mater

ial from which , future dwellings are

to be made, And our attention was

directed to the extehslve.shale seam.

At one point we were taken to .a

disused pit whence supplies had

been taken by road maintenance.-

autborltles. None,, apparently, rea

lised the potential wealth 89 read

ily at hand— that this very mater

ial, crushed and mixed in proper

proportion, was ''capable ®f hemp,

transformed into bricks -of \_A1

quality. It provides further proof

' of" "the saying thAtije&lect of oppor-:

tunity is ' of daily" Noceurrence. / we

wore advised that, rtsnlttng from

two years' '".extehslyB prospecting,

other deposits of high-grade- shale

are existent In the district; but

these/ where readily accessible, are

only in small parcels. Nowhere Is

there an area - "as ' large, And' as

conveniently situated, as that taken

over by - the company. Test wells

have been sunk to a depth of 21

feet without bottoming the seam.

Furthermore, . it rises almost to

surface level — a big factor in eco

nomic handling. A - geological

feature pointed out to us:

the only' shale seamB of value are-

those running . north and south.

Under . the guidance - of company

officials our Inexperienced eye was

able to trace the seam to several

distant points, and to note its

peculiarity in following the surface

contour.

On the slopes of the ridge

(which is next to and runs parallel

with the ridge leading to" Nellie's

Glen) are unsurpassed clay de

posits, 20 per cent, of which goes

into the brick as a binding agency.

Every constitutent, and plenty of

it, seems to be laid on — a brick-

maker's paradise. No industry could

start under more favored condi

tions. It would take upwards of

half a century to work out the

shale deposits.

COLOR HARMONY

We learned, too, that while color

is largely determined by tempera

ture and duration of burning, the

manufacture of bricks <of varying

tones will be facilitated by. the

nature of - the material which

abounds in brown, grey, and blue .

colors.

Viewed from every angle,

prospects are highly encouraging,

and, with the extension of patron

age that is due to local established

industry, these prospectsshould not

be found difficult of fulfilment.

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24/6/1938

ACCIDENT AT

BRICKWORKS

George Herbert Harvie, aged 37,

a resident of 38 Carinya Road, Gir-

raween, met with a painful accident

at -the Katoomba brickworks on

Wednesday, when his left foot was

badly crushed in the cog of a

wheel.

The Blue Mountains District Am

bulance conveyed Harvie to the

Anzac Memorial Hospital,, where he

was admitted for treatment.

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Bricks For Katoomba

From Dubbo Yard

Freight Charge Problem

Hector's Brick Co. Ltd., Dubbo,

has begun trucking bricks to Ka

toomba, and although expansion of

the firm's trade is only on a trial

basis, the manager (Mr. W. J. Miles)

is confident that the step will open ?

the way to a consistent supply to out

side centres.

Mr. Miles explained to 'The Lib

eral' today that a trial consignment of

4000 biicks had been forwarded to

Katoomba. He said the future of the 1

firm's operations, so far as export sup

ply was concerned, depended on the

quality of the product, and he believed

that there was no cause for anxiety

in this direction.

When 'The Liberal' representative

expressed astonishment that bricks

for Katoomba should be supplied from

as far afield as Dubbo, Mr. Miles ex

plained that brickworks at Katoomba,

Lithgow, Bathurst, Orange and Wel

lington wore too busy filling local or

ders to engage in greater output.

Questioned regarding freight, he

said that, as in the past, this pro

mised to be a problem. 'In actual

fact,' he added, 'the freight on the

first consignment exceeds the price

of tho bricks as supplied by- the com

pany.'

Mr. Miles said that the major

brickyards in Sydney were working to

capacity, mainly on national orders,

and unable to meet demand.

ENTITLED TO CHANCE

High freight charges threatened

again to militate against Dubbo's

chances to enter into serious competi

tion, and he believed that at such a

time this fact should bo taken into

consideration by the authorities.

'There can be no argument that if

bricks are so urgently needed as the

position suggests, some consideration

should be shown to country concerns,'

he added.

He pointed out that his company

had tendered some weeks ago for a

large order, but so far hud received J

no reply, despite that it was common

knowledge that yards closer to Sydney

were quite unable to meet demands.

'A spread of work surely seems to

be indicated as a national necessity,

pat ticularly when bricks are required

for national undertakings.

'Our company at the moment is

able to employ only six hands, be

cause, as is generally known, the war

has more or less stopped local de

mand. But if we were shown the

consideration we believe we deserve

we would lie able to employ 40 hands

and two maelfines would have a (otal

output of (10,000 bricks a week,' he

concluded.

10/8/1950

No. 4 Section. Katoomba

north of railway line from West

Street to Mount Hay Road.

Lcura, south of railway line from

Lurline Street, bordered by Wara

tah Street, Katoomba, to GrQse

Street, Leura, and outlying dis

tricts from Katoomba Brickworks

to Katoomba Falls Kiosk via Nar

row Neck Road, 191 hours.

No. 5 Section. Lawson east to

Glenbrook, 14i hours.

Mr. Strachan went on to ex

plain that directions For power

I restrictions emanated from the

13/3/1952

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RICKWORKS FOR

KATOOMBA

Production of a brick-

works, which will be opened

shortly at Katoomba at an

estimated cost of several

thousand pounds, is expected

to exceed 75,000 bricks a

week.

Spokesmen for Property

Construction and Finance

Ltd., which purchased the

works from Blue Mountains

Brick Company at an unmen-

tioned figure, said last week

it was proposed to commence

production at an early date.

Installation of modern

machinery, capable of un-

limited production, will be in-

stalled shortly at the works.

The Company later proposes

to manufacture agricultural

and concrete pipes at the

works. It is also intended to

commence production of

terra-cotta roofing tiles.

A director of the project,

Mr. E. B. Eagle, said the

Company hoped to encourage

establishment of secondary in-

dustries on the Blue Moun-

tains.

Mr. Eagle is a director of

Enfield Brickworks, and a

shareholder of Rupert Cook's

Brickworks, also of Enfield.

Other directors include Mr.

Harry Mason, chairman, who

is a director of co-operative

building societies in Sydney,

Mr. P. Renshaw, leading en-

gineer and bridge-builder,

Mr. A. G. Barnes, chief ac-

countant of Elliotts-Austra-

lian Drug Co., and Walter

Conn, sawmiller, of Stuart's

Point, North Coast.

Managing Director of Own

Homes Pty. Ltd., Sydney, Mr.

W. R. Watkins, is assisting the

project.

Mr. Watkins is also spon-

soring the Company's project

at Sunny Ocean Beach Es-

tate, near Kempsey, North

Coast, where 1,200 home sites

are being developed.

It is understood the Com-

pany later intends purchasing

an estate on the Blue Moun-

tains, where a large home

building scheme will be put

into operation.

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16/2/1954

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Works Manager,

Brickworks, Western Highway (Tel. Kat. 471)

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