

MITTAGONG THE BEAUTIFUL

Attractions for Tourists

MITTAGONG, situated on the Main Southern Road and Railway, 78 miles from Sydney, is set in a framework of charming mountain scenery at an altitude of 2078 feet.

The climate, the finest to be found, is cool and bracing in summer, and without undue severity in winter.

With its many attractions, Mittagong is justified in claiming to be the coming tourist and residential town of the Southern Highlands.

HALF OR FULL DAY TRIPS.

Surrounding Mittagong are many places of interest and pleasure within easy reach by car in half or full day trips.

Lake Illawarra and the ocean beaches can be reached in a couple of hours. A fine day's trip takes in Fitzroy Valley, Cambewarra Mountain, Kangaroo Valley, Cambewarra Mountain, and Nowra, returning via Berry.

Music at Mittagong

Musically, Mittagong is "on the map."

Its annual Eisteddfod has become a recognised fixture, well patronised by city vocalists and instrumentalists.

The growth of this movement has made necessary the erection of a new theatre, which is nearing completion.

many pretty bush walks, gullies, and waterfalls, with wild flowers in abundance.

The famous Gib Lookout is now served by good car roads, and if rough mountaineering and rugged scenery are desired a trip to the summit of Mt. Jellere (eight miles) gives all that could be desired.

WOMBEEYAN CAVES.

Not the least of the tourist attractions are the Wombeyan Caves, Mittagong is the nearest town, 41 miles by a route the scenic beauties of which are alone well worth the trip, rivaling the western mountains of America for grandeur and vivid coloring; whilst the Caves are held to be equal to Jenolan.

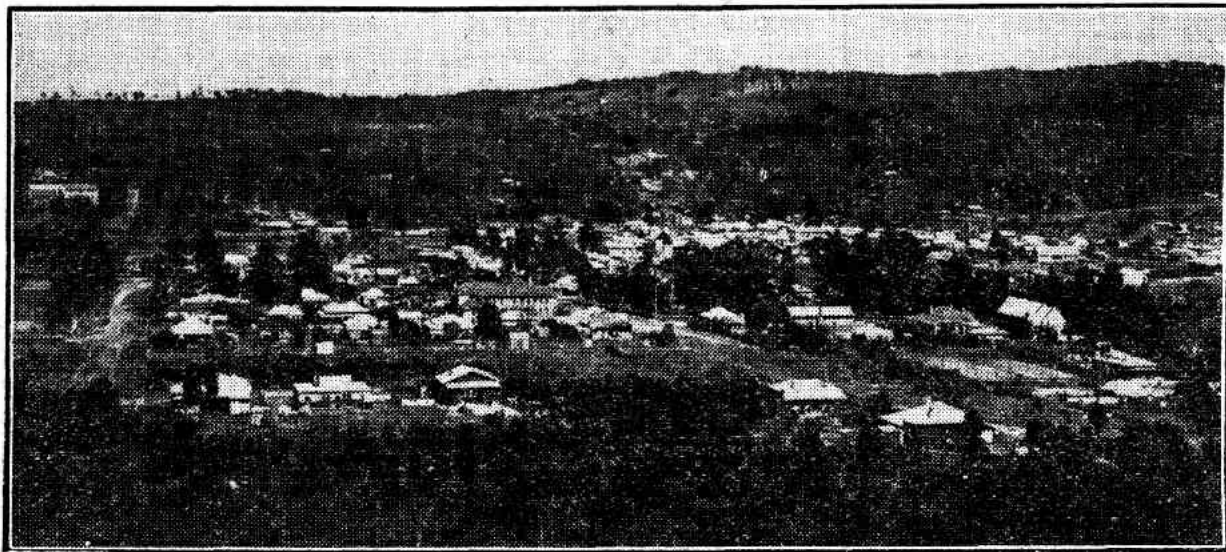
Recent improvements to the road and to the accommodation house and the electric lighting of the Caves have brought increased traffic.

Kiama, and Jamberoo Mountain or Macquarie Pass.

Half-day runs over fine roads to the great Avon and Nepean Dams are popular. The historic town of Berri, with its old gaol, is nine miles away.

PRETTY BUSH WALKS.

Five minutes from the town are



THE PRETTY TOWN OF MITTAGONG, NESTLING UNDER PROTECTING HILLS.

SYDNEY-BROKEN HILL RAILWAY OPENING SHORTLY

THE opening of the line to Broken Hill will shortly take place.

A map of the existing lines shows that the 5700 odd miles of railway which make up the system are well distributed over the eastern half of the State.

Across the great western plains a single strand reaches out to Broken Hill, almost on the western boundary. The railway reached Condobolin as far back as 1898. Broken Hill was then a well-established and prosperous city, the third largest in New South Wales. Yet, during the whole period of its existence it has remained isolated from its capital city, and the rest of the State, by reason of the lack of direct railway facilities.

Eight years ago a railway from Broken Hill to Menindie, on the Darling, was opened, and in the same year the western line was extended to Tridge. In the interval, the 159-mile gap between those places has been slowly bridged.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.

Unforeseen difficulties of construction and maintenance arose in laying the rails across the long stretch of sparsely-settled country, and further trouble was experienced in putting over the Darling River a bridge sufficiently strong to carry the heavy locomotives which will be run, and to withstand the volume of floodwaters which may be expected to pass down the Darling from time to time. Engineering skill, however, has triumphed over the obstacles, and within the next few weeks mail and goods trains should be running over the line which traverses the State from east to west.

WHAT THE SERVICE WILL MEAN.

It is difficult to over-estimate what the inauguration of this new service will mean, in the aggregate, in the economy of time and distance.

At present the railway trip from Sydney to Broken Hill means a series of journeys totalling over 1400 miles, break-of-gauge necessitating change of trains at Albury, Melbourne, and Adelaide. Two days and three nights are passed in the train.

When through communication is established, probably next month, the actual distance will be reduced by one-half, there will not be any change of trains, the travelling time will be only slightly

over 24 hours, and the fare will, of course, be very much lower than over the lines which pass through three States.

Senders of merchandise and livestock will benefit similarly. Coal supplies, for instance, instead of going by sea from Newcastle to one of the South Australian ports, and then being hauled across that State back into New South Wales, will almost certainly, be drawn from one of the western collieries, showing a very great saving of time and expense.

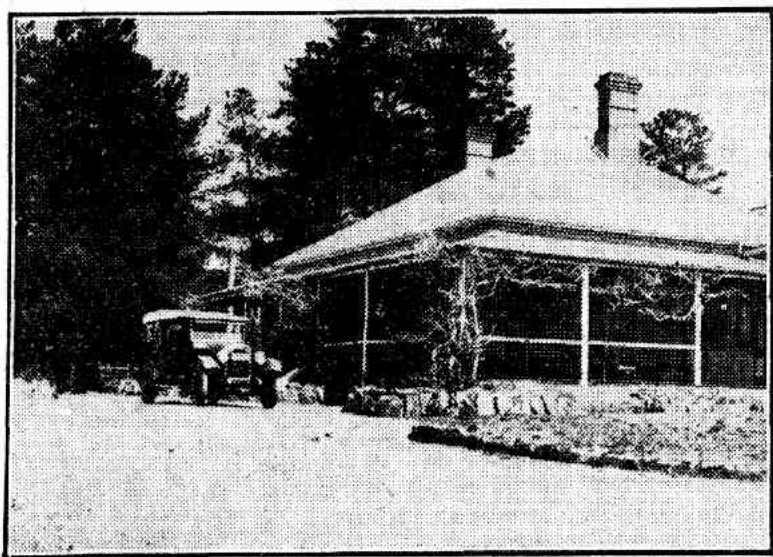
TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS.

Of the traffic arrangements which will be in force, it is possible to say



ALD. DOBSON,
Mayor of Mittagong.

that there will be a bi-weekly service in each direction. The mail train will leave Sydney at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, and arrive at Broken Hill at 9 o'clock next morning. Allowing for the few miles disparity in distance, the trip from Sydney to Broken Hill will be considerably faster than that from Sydney to Brisbane. In the other direction the mail train will leave Broken Hill at 8.40 p.m. on



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