

CHAPTER XXXV.

Spectacular St. Kilda Continued—Pre-eminence of St. Kilda Council's Opportunities for Royal Welcomes—Town Clerk's Organisation—.St. Kilda's Welcome to the British Fleet—Children's Great Demonstration —Admiral Sir Frederick Field's Thanks—The American Fleet—H.R.H. the Duke and H.R.H. the Duchess of York—Lord and Lady Somers— List of Royal, Vice-Regal, and Other Landings—Royal Proclamations —Final Words.

PRE-EMINENTLY, the Council of the City of St. Kilda, is a council that has learned, by practice, the mode of welcoming Royal, and Vice-Regal guests, and the way to entertain distinguished bodies of men from overseas. In the beginning of these spectacular welcomes, the Town Clerk, Mr. F. W. Chamberlin, found in the Council archives a few modest precedents to guide him in organising Royal and Vice-Regal welcomes. It was, however, he who expanded the modest official welcomes of other days at S. Kilda into such wonderful and orderly displays of enthusiastic loyalty, that Royalty itself has been graciously pleased to speak, in after years, of the welcomes at St. Kilda as ones that could not have been better organised anywhere in Britain's Empire.

When such a body of men, as is comprised in a British naval squadron, visits Victoria, the St. Kilda City Council, beyond all other metropolitan councils, is the chosen one to throw open its city gates, and to offer welcomes to the visitors. Nor does the St. Kilda City Council lose any time in preparing to do so. Here is a characteristic instance of how the St. Kilda Council proceeds to meet such occasions. At the Council meeting, held on January 21, 1924, Councillor Unsworth moved, and this motion was carried—

"That, in order to commemorate the visit of the British Fleet to Melbourne, during the month of March, 1924, a St. Kilda Gala Week be arranged, from the 17th March to the 22nd March, inclusive, or on such other week as will fit in with the proposed visit, and the co-operation of all the citizens, patriotic bodies, clubs, business people, entertainment proprietors, be sought to make the proposed St. Kilda Gala Week a fitting recognition of this most important event."

The Admirals of the British Cruising Fleet steamed towards St. Kilda on Tuesday, March 18, 1924, in a beautiful day of sunshine, and of early Autumnal mildness. The sight of the war cruisers as they came up the Bay was inspiring. They embodied, in their stately approach, the greeting of the protecting kinship of the British Empire to its outlying dominions. They served as symbols of the visible might and power of the nation, and they were a moving present evidence, that after the Great War, Britannia was still the Mistress of the Seas. Crowds of thousands of spectators watched the fleet steaming onward, with 22 welcoming aeroplanes circling the cruisers. On the line of the Marine Parade were 1,000 onlookers, stretched from Elwood to the St. Kilda Esplanade. High points of advantage, such as Point Ormond supplied, and the high beach lands in the point's vicinity, were grey with a human mass, estimated to represent 8,000 spectators. So keen were distant living sightseers that some of the visitors caught the early train cars, trains, and motor cars. They poured out of the St. Kilda Railway Station, along Fitzroy Street, in hurrying lines, at 8.30 a.m. and onwards through the morning.

Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field's white pinnacle steamed smartly, and swung quickly, alongside the St. Kilda Pier, at 11 o'clock, with the Vice-Admiral and the Senior Officers of the Squadron on board. When the Vice-Admiral and his officers stepped on to the pier, they saw the Town Clerk of St. Kilda, in his robes of office, waiting for them, to act as an avant courier, and to pilot them, as was done in the old chivalrous days of welcoming a guest, to his masters, the St. Kilda Council waiting the coming of the guests within the St. Kilda boundary line, at the end of the pier, where was laid a strip of red carpet. There, too, aloft a banner was spread with the words blazoned upon it, "City of St. Kilda. Welcome !" And here, too, was displayed the city's coat of arms, in white, on a blue ground.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Allen, when he addressed Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field, said, "I trust you will spend a happy time here. The spot on which we stand is historic, and possesses deep navy interest. The present King, and the Prince of Wales, the Governor-General, the State Governors, and many other notabilities, have stepped ashore

here, but among the traditions of this spot will be treasured recollections of the landing of the Vice-Admiral, and of the staff of the Special Service Squadron."

The Vice-Admiral said :-

"We have had an extraordinary welcome in all the other cities, and States, which we have visited, but, I can tell you, that none of them has come up to the welcome we have had in Melbourne, and in St. Kilda. I, and my officers, and men, feel the honour you have accorded us. It is the greatest pleasure to us to see all those children, waving flags, and giving us a welcome. They are the future generation on which the prosperity of our great Empire depends, and I only hope they may be given every chance of coming to our ships, and of seeing, for themselves, matters of interest."

A choir of 700 children, from the Brighton Road, Elwood and Park State Schools, sang "Rule, Britannia." As the naval officers passed through their excited ranks, the children cheered shrilly and waved flags. The Vice-Admiral was obviously pleased by the reception the children gave to him. He smilingly exclaimed to them, "Thank you all, children." The St. Kilda City Band played the National Anthem, and the people on the Esplanade and the seashore stood to attention. When the officers entered the waiting motor cars they cheered. At the last moment a little girl, six years of age, presented to the Vice-Admiral a small bouquet, which he carried with him through the subsequent ceremonies in Melbourne. Explaining his actions, he said that the bouquet, dried and faded, was going to England with him. "It was," he said, "just a bit of sentiment he would not willingly lose."

Like the glories of Solomon, to the Queen of Sheba, not half the tale of the glories of St. Kilda, and what St. Kilda did for the men of the British Fleet can be told here. In the whirl of it all, one had, each night, to go with the crowd, so dense was it, so powerful was its corporate push. Impressions noted, at the time, were laughing girls, merry sailors, lights, flags, good humour, swinging arc lamps, rows of electric lights, thousands of bulbs of red, white and blue lights, strung like brilliant necklaces along roadways; crowd, crowd, crowd ! Squeezed down to the Lower Esplanade merry-go-rounds, ferris

wheels, ocean-waves, girls, sailors, shrieks, bands, whirl—what a time! Then to Luna Park ! But the head reels ! The old Soldiers' Lounge awakened into life once more. The St. Kilda Soldiers' Club, led by Councillor Unsworth, its president, opened its doors and heart. The ladies associated with the war activities took up their old role of entertainers, and they waited on the British sailors each day, and night, in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Lounge, that had for the lady war workers so many associations.

Sir Frederick Field, in a cordial letter to the Council, thanked St. Kilda for the hospitality extended to the Squadron. Particularly he referred to the enthusiastic reception of the flag officers and captains at the St. Kilda Pier, on March 18, and warmly, too, he appreciated "the facilities given to the petty officers and men of the Squadron to obtain real enjoyment. He wished the Council and the citizens of St. Kilda all success and prosperity in the future."

The State Reception Committee also conveyed the Government's high appreciation of St. Kilda's co-operation in entertaining the personnel of the Squadron, and referred to St. Kilda's efforts as undoubtedly contributing very largely towards the success of Victoria's welcome.

These official appreciations were fully deserved, but they were none the less very gratifying to receive. The Mayor, the late Councillor Allen, said that apart from the honour due to the representatives of the British Fleet—the safeguard of the Empire—St. Kilda had tried, in some small measure, to repay the great kindness, and hospitality, which our boys had received, on the other side of the world, during the Great War. In taking the fullest advantage of the facilities, for which St. Kilda was unique, the Council had received the whole-hearted support of the citizens. The Mayor referred appreciatively to the Town Clerk, Mr. F. W. Chamberlin's work of organisation. Councillor O'Donnell, and other members of the Council, endorsed, in every way, all that the Mayor had said.

When the United States Fleet arrived, July 23, 1925, the St. Kilda Council, as usual, paid homage to the visitors, and accorded its officers and sailors a public welcome. Much was done for them as honoured guests, and on leaving the Admiral of the Fleet, Admiral Coontz, in a courteous letter to the Council, made the fullest acknowledgment, August 15, 1925. A letter,

too, came, and it confirms what we have already written of the State Reception Committee and the St. Kilda Council, from Colonel, the Hon. M. W. J. Bouchier, the chairman of the State Reception Committee, thanking the Council for the part St. Kilda played in the reception of the Fleet. The Hon Sir Alexander Peacock also wrote, as the Minister of Public Instruction, in appreciation of the St. Kilda school children's demonstration at the landing of the American Admiral and his Staff. And so the record of welcoming visits runs on with their aftermath of thanks ! thanks ! to the St. Kilda Council.

The State Reception Committee in February, 1927, sought by letter the St. Kilda Council's co-operation in giving effect to the landing arrangements of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and the Duchess of York. The Council informed the Committee of the Council's whole-hearted co-operation in organising a Royal seaside welcome. H.R.H. the Duke and H.R.H. the Duchess of York, in the presence of many thousands of loyal citizens, stepped upon the richly carpeted St. Kilda Pier on April 21, 1927. The Royal couple came ashore from H.M.S. Renown in the warship's barge. They were first met, on the St. Kilda Pier, by the Governor-General, His Excellency Lord Stonehaven ; the State Governor, His Excellency Lord Somers ; the Lieut. Governor of the State of Victoria, Sir William Irvine ; the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. S. Bruce; the State Premier, the Hon. J. Allan, and other official dignitaries. A naval guard of honour presented arms. The Upper and Lower Esplanades were as gay with bunting as it was possible to decorate them. Thousands of spectators shouted, and cheered. A great patch of white was formed in the dark mass by the groupings of many hundreds of the St. Kilda school children, singing the National Anthem.

His Worship, the Mayor of St. Kilda, Councillor Burnett Gray, M.L.A., the St. Kilda Councillors, and the Town Clerk, stood at the end of the pier, on St. Kilda territory, under an arch, waiting for His Royal Highness and Her Royal Highness. After the Governor-General had presented the Mayor of St. Kilda, and the Councillors, to their Royal Highnesses, the Mayor said :—"It is a great honour for me, on behalf of my Council, and of the citizens, to welcome your Royal Highnesses to our beautiful city of St. Kilda. I also desire to take

this opportunity of wishing your dear little baby many happy returns of her birthday, and we all hope that your Royal Highnesses' stay in our midst will be a very happy and enjoyable one."

The Mayor then introduced the Councillors, and the Town Clerk, to the Duke and Duchess. The Town Clerk then read the following address of welcome :-

"We, the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the city of St. Kilda beg to approach your Royal Highnesses with deep assurances of our devoted loyalty, and attachment to the Throne, and person of His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth.

"On this spot, the municipality was privileged to welcome their Most Gracious Majesties (as their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York), and also His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on their landing in the Commonwealth, and our treasured memories, of those occasions, are now enhanced by the high honour and supreme happiness of Your Highnesses' visit.

"We offer you a most hearty welcome, reverently trusting that the period of your sojourn amongst us will be to you both a continuance of unalloyed pleasure, and gratification, and serve still further to intensify and strengthen those ties of loyalty, and affection, which bind us to our King, and Motherland."

The address was enclosed in a casket of artistic design. The casket was embossed with the arms of the city. It was given to the Duke by the Mayor.

His Royal Highness gave his reply to the Mayor, His Highness stating he did not intend to make a speech. The reply read :-

"The Duchess, and I, sincerely thank yourself, the councillors, and the citizens of St. Kilda, for your address of welcome, the terms of which we greatly appreciate. I will take an early opportunity to convey to the King, my father, the expression of loyalty and devotion to the Throne which the address contains.

"It gave us special pleasure to listen to your references to the receptions, given by the municipality, to the King

and Queen when Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, and to meet with the same kindness from you as they received, and which they still gratefully remember.

"We join in your prayer that, like their visits, this occasion also may be the means of strengthening the bonds of loyalty, and affection, that bind together all parts of the Empire.

"We thank you again for the whole-hearted welcome which we have received, and we pray that prosperity, and success, may ever, in larger and larger measure, continue to attend you."

The Mayoress, Mrs. Burnett Gray, presented the Duchess with a shower bouquet of La France roses, and some mauve orchids, with a white rose, emblematic of the White Rose of the House of York, in the centre. Attached to the bouquet were streamers of blue and white, the colours of St. Kilda. And so in the atmosphere of goodwill the Duke and Duchess were motored through the dense cheering lanes of St. Kilda citizens. A more auspicious day of welcome and of happiness could scarcely have been conceived, yet it was fated to be for four circling airmen, on the St. Kilda Road, near to the Federal Government House gates, a day of sacrifice, and death. By some awful fortuity the aeroplanes crashed together. The Royal party did not see the catastrophe, having entered the Government House gates. At the Council meeting, April 26, 1927, following the date of the accident the Mayor informed the Council that the Town Clerk had called officially on the Secretary of the Air Board, and conveyed the Council's deepest regrets. Messages from the Council had been sent to the relatives of the airmen. The Mayor, and councillors, then rose, and stood in silence, as a tribute of respect to the airmen's memory.

A reception was given in the St. Kilda City Hall to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York, in the presence of Her Excellency, Lady Stonehaven, and Lady Somers, on April 26, 1927, by the National Council of Women of Victoria. Mrs. A. W. Glencross, J.P., president of the Council, presided, and read to Her Royal Highness an address of welcome. The Lady Mayoress of Melbourne, Mrs. S. J. Morell, presented a golden porringer, the gift of the National Council of Victoria.

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Lord Somers arrived at St. Kilda on June 28, 1926, having been appointed to the Vice-Regal position of Governor of Victoria. To welcome him a Government, civic, and public demonstration had been arranged, and the ceremony was a spectacular and an impressive one. Lord Somers, his wife, and his staff, were conveyed from the mail steamer to the St. Kilda pier in the launch "Commissioner." The morning was a grey one, and the visibility over the harbor was somewhat misty. The first glimpse of the Vice-Regal party, in the fast approaching launch, was that of Lord Somers' two aides-de-camp dressed in scarlet uniforms, their heads covered with large bushbies that are worn by the hussars, artillery, and engineers of the British army. Immediately Lord Somers left the launch, and stepped upon the pier, the first boom of a ceremonial salute was heard. The guns used were parked on the breakwater. On the pier Lord Somers met a waiting group of Ministerial representatives of the Government, officers from the military, naval, and air forces, and some of the executive officers of the various departments of state.

While Lady Somers talked with the Ministers, Lord Somers inspected the naval guard of honor of 100 men. Their daughter, little Elizabeth, sat on the pier with her nurse. The party walked through the lines of 2000 Boy Scouts, on the pier. Lord Somers congratulated the officers on the appearance of the boys. He said that as Chief Scout for Victoria he hoped soon to see much more of the Scouts, and their officers.

Lord Somers saw, as he walked shoreward, that the pier and its approaches were made bright with bunting, flags, and festoons of native foliage. "St. Kilda very heartily welcomes you," was the inscription on a huge banner surrounded with gum leaves, that was the pivot of the decorations. The Upper Esplanade was lined with an expectant crowd; while upon the lower slopes were 3,500 school girls and boys from district State schools, each with a flag, which they continued to wave. At the shore end of the pier the Mayor of St. Kilda (Councillor Cummings) and the Acting Mayoress (Miss Cummings) were waiting with the St. Kilda councillors and their wives. The Town Clerk read the following address of welcome :-

"May it please your Excellency : We, the Mayor, councillors, and citizens of the City of St. Kilda, beg to tender your Excel-

lency and Lady Somers a most cordial welcome to our shores, and present the assurance of our unswerving loyalty and attachment to the Throne and person of His Majesty the King- Emperor, George V.

"The practical interest you have shown in the Dominions beyond the seas is appreciatively recognised, and we trust that the term of your Excellency's administration will be marked by continued advancement and prosperity of our State. We respectfully hope that, where compatible with the duties of your high office, municipal government will receive your sympathetic interest and encouragement.

"We beg to express the earnest wish that your term of office will be one of unalloyed happiness to your Excellency and Lady Somers."

Lord Somers replied :—

"Mr. Mayor, and councillors of the City of St. Kilda : It has been a matter of very great satisfaction to me to receive the expression of your good wishes on my first landing in the State of Victoria. Your assurance of unswerving loyalty, and attachment to the Throne, and person of His Majesty the King- Emperor, whom I have the honor to represent, is most gratifying. I can assure you, with every sincerity, that it will be my earnest endeavor, while holding the high office of Governor of this State, to learn the social and general conditions at first hand, and to render such help and encouragement as lies within my power."

Lady Somers was presented with a bouquet by the Acting Mayoress on behalf of the women of St. Kilda, and to Elizabeth was given a golden cradle of flowers. Master Davidson (the son of the Governor's secretary) was given a decorated boomerang.

Immediately after the formal ceremony the school children sang the National Anthem and "Australia, Land of Ours." Cheers greeted Lord Somers as he walked through the children's lines. Lord Somers said to the children :—"Your warm-heartedness would do anybody good. It is the welcome of Young Australia, and it has touched me deeply. Our little one, who is not so large as most of you, is glad to see you, too. Your welcome gives us courage and high hope." When Lord Somers entered his motor car the children cheered again, joined this

time by the deeper notes of the crowd massed on the Esplanade, and so through St. Kilda was the Vice-Regal party greeted until it passed along the beautiful boulevard of St. Kilda Road, and beyond the boundaries of the City of St. Kilda.

The dates of the official landings of distinguished people at St. Kilda are as follow :-

25th October, 1895.—Lord Brassey.

6th May, 1901.—T.R.H. Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.

10th December, 1901.—Sir George Sydenham Clarke, first State Governor.

31st August, 1908.—Admiral Sperry, Atlantic Squadron of American Fleet.

23rd February, 1914.—Sir Arthur Stanley.

11th May, 1914.—Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson.

30th May, 1919.—Admiral Jellicoe.

26th December, 1919.—Lieut.-General Sir John Monash.

26th May, 1920.—H.R.H. Prince of Wales.

24th February, 1921.—Earl of Stradbroke.

18th March, 1924.—British Special Service Squadron.

19th May, 1924.—Wing-Com. Goble and Flight-Lt. McIntyre. 8th

June, 1925.—Comm. De Pinedo, Italian aviator.

23rd July, 1925.—United States Pacific Squadron.

28th June, 1926.—Lord Somers.

21st April, 1927.—T.R.H. Duke and Duchess of York.

On May 24, 1887, the Jubilee of Her Majesty's Queen Victoria's reign was celebrated by an entertainment given to the children of the borough. Children to the number of nearly 4,000 assembled at the St. Kilda Cricket Ground. The Mayor, Councillor George Turner, and the councillors, each subscribed £10. The ratepayers were also asked to send in donations. Altogether £319/12/5 was collected. The fete expenses amounted to £251/10/4, leaving a balance of £68/2/1. £40 of that sum was given to the Children's Hospital authorities, and the balance, £28/2/1, was handed to the secretary of the St. Kilda Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, May 24, 1887, was celebrated in St. Kilda by a liberal distribution of

food and blankets to the poor. Three limelight entertainments, and concerts, were given to the children at the St. Kilda Town Hall. A feature of the gifts was the presentation of a package of lollies to each child. On each of the lids of the boxes, containing the lollies, was a portrait of Her Majesty, and this was given to the children to keep as a souvenir of the Jubilee. Upon the death of the revered Queen and Empress, Victoria, the St. Kilda Council sent a cable to England through the Administrator, Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., L.L.D., to this effect :—"Mayor, Councillors, Citizens, St. Kilda, Melbourne. Profound sorrow, beloved Queen's death." Sir John Madden, who was still a resident of St. Kilda, was acting at the time as Administrator of the colony, between the departure of the Earl of Hopetoun, 1895, and the coming of Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., in 1901. It was not until January 15, 1900, that Sir John Madden was given the title of Lieut. Governor.

The Mayor of St. Kilda, Lieut. Colonel F. G. Hughes, read the Proclamation, of the King's accession, on the Town Hall steps, at 2 o'clock, on Thursday, January 31, 1901. The Mayor was supported by Colonel Hacker (staff) and Captain Fraser (aide-de-camp to the General) and Canon Sutton (chaplain), the Right Hon. Sir George Turner, the St. Kilda Councillors, and several ladies. In front of the Mayor, on the steps of the City Hall, were 24 members of All Saints' Choir in cassock, and gown, in company of Mr. Inge, the City Organist. Grouped about the steps were several hundred school children, in charge of their various teachers. Three cheers were given for His Majesty the King, the Mayor leading the cheering. Afterwards the choir sang the National Anthem, those present joining in. Four buglers were to have been present at the proclamation ceremony, but the tram car, in which they were travelling from Melbourne to the City Hall, St. Kilda, had an accident, and the buglers arrived after the ceremony was over. The incident recalls another historic occasion, in St. Kilda, when the Victorian Volunteer Department failed to send the guns to fire the Royal salute in honour of the Prince of Wales' marriage. After the ceremony some of those present adjourned at the invitation of the Mayor, to the Mayor's room, and there they drank the health of His Majesty King Edward VII. On February 4, 1901, the

Council recorded in a minute "its profound sorrow at the death of our beloved queen." At that historical time the population of St. Kilda, by census taken in March, 1901, was 20,544. The population of inhabited dwellings 4,181. The total number of assessments for the year 1900-1901 was 5,366. The ratepayers, in the rate book, numbered 4,593. The voters' roll, for 1901-1902, contained—North Ward, 971 names ; South Ward, 1,349 names ; West Ward, 783 names ; total, 3,103.

When the death of His Majesty King Edward the VII. was announced on May 7, 1910, the St. Kilda Council held a special meeting, on May 12, 1910, when the following resolutions were passed :-

"That this Council, on behalf of and in the name of the citizens of the city of St. Kilda, expresses its profound sorrow at the death of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII., of blessed and glorious memory, whose every influence made for peace on earth, and its deep sense of the calamitous loss the Empire has suffered thereby, and respectfully offers its heartfelt sympathy with His Most Gracious Majesty King George V., the Queen Mother, and the other members of the Royal Family."

"That this Council tenders its loyal and devoted allegiance to the throne and person of His Most Gracious Majesty King George V., and sincerely hopes that he will enjoy a long, prosperous and peaceful reign."

The Councillors then *sang* the National Anthem.

We may well pause here, on the top note of loyalty, to the throne of the British Empire. It will be the work of a future historian of St. Kilda to carry on the story of the municipality of St. Kilda, from this year of grace 1930. Time has sped, since the days when the schooner yacht, "Lady of St. Kilda," lay off shore; since the first Crown Land Sales were held of virgin land, whereon it was purposed to place a village, called on the auctioneer's plans "The Village of St. Kilda." That village, plotted upon bush lands, has grown into a city beautiful; a metropolitan watering place that has become the holiday resort of thousands of people. Beautiful Aphrodite, born from sea foam, springing ashore from the jealous, and restraining waves, in her radiant loveliness, might find daughters of her own, on the sands of St. Kilda, on any summer's day of sunshine. St. Kilda, favoured by nature, has been more favoured by man, and it is because of the works of the councils of the city of St. Kilda, that St. Kilda has become the brightest jewel by the sea, in Melbourne's crown of beautiful suburban cities.

Contemplation of the beauties of St. Kilda's picturesque seashore gives appreciative visitors delight, while a visit to the Blessington Municipal Gardens is always a pleasure to those who love floral beauties. The St. Kilda Council has, in conjunction with its neighbouring municipalities, Prahran, Malvern, and Caulfield, transformed the old cattle track, the Dandenong Road, into a boulevard of street gardens, lawns, and trees, until Dandenong Road is a broad ribbon of beauty, edging the northeastern boundary of fair St. Kilda. And then there is the Council's share in the beautification of the St. Kilda Road, and the honour, too, to have, in council, been the first authority to proclaim the possibility of creating the now world famous beautiful boulevard. Southward is the Brighton Road, planted with trees, decorated with lawns, making this main artery, with its concrete highway, a pleasure to travel upon.

We have narrated the story of how St. Kilda advanced from Shire to Borough, from Borough to City. -It has been said that St. Kilda passed from a Borough to a City, and that the status of a Town was never conferred upon it. That statement is not quite correct. St. Kilda never claimed its right to be declared a Town, but it was made a Town on March 25, 1861, by Sir Henry Barkly, under "an Act for Regulating the Sale of Crown Lands, and for other purposes, wherein St. Kilda was defined to be a town within the meaning of the Act." The President of the Board of Land and Works, who gave that order force, was John Henry Brooke.

As far back as December, 1862, the Illustrated Melbourne Post stated that, "the local management of the (St. Kilda Council) district is superior to any other suburb, and owing to the energy displayed by the municipal council, the improvements have been substantial, and numerous, and rightly entitle the locality to the distinctive reputation it has gained as being the model municipality." The councillors who won for St. Kilda, in 1862, the title of the "Model Municipality" were the chairman, Councillor B. F. Bunny, and Councillors B. Cowderoy, J. M. Thomas, J. McCulloch, J. Mason, H. Tullett, E. Sydes, and W. Ford, some of whom became notable Melbourne men. But no single Council, any more than any single individual, can claim the credit of the making of St. Kilda. The City of St. Kilda is the work of many

minds, and so it must continue to be. Each succeeding generation sets its marks of beauty, effects its quota of improvements on St. Kilda, and though councillors, and councils pass, their mark remains as an evidence to those, who come hereafter, that the councillors of St. Kilda had an eye for beauty, and sufficient pride, in their citizenship, to work and to win for the city municipality, the title of "ST. KILDA THE BEAUTIFUL."

