

NEWS IN BRIEF

Victoria

METROPOLITAN

The State Government expenditure in connection with the visit of the Prince to Victoria was £15,000.

Coburg town council has decided to adopt the system of rating on the unimproved value of property.

Mentone post office was broken into last week. The thieves attempted to open a safe, but were not successful.

In the Legislative Assembly a motion in favor of the abolition of State Governors was defeated by 25 votes to 21.

Caulfield City Council has decided to proceed with the planting of a distinctive Australian garden at the Caulfield Park.

Jewellery, money and clothing to the value of £500 were stolen last week from the home of Mrs Hall, 4 Marine street, St. Kilda.

Fifty per cent. increase in wages is being demanded by the Furniture Trades Union. This will bring the rate up to £8/6 a week.

An honor board was unveiled at the Blackburn State school last week. It contains the names of 62 scholars who served at the front.

For manufacturing and household purposes, 55 trucks of brown coal or about 660 tons, are brought to Melbourne daily at present.

Teachers associated with the Public Service Federation have amalgamated with the State School Teachers' Union. The joint membership will be about 4000.

Mr C. E. G. Beveridge (Trinity College) and Mr W. Merrylees (Queen's College) have been selected as Rhodes scholars for Victoria for 1920 and 1921 respectively.

Metropolitan Milk Supply Company announces that from July 26 milk will be reduced in price to 1/8 a gallon on rail and 1/8½ delivered. The present price is 1/10.

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The Railway Commissioners have declined the request of the Oakleigh shire for a new station between Oakleigh and Clayton, on the ground that the traffic was not sufficient to justify it at present.

While repairing electric wires in a house at South Yarra last week, Herbert Wheatley, of the firm of Lord and Wheatley, was electrocuted. His body was found on the roof by the owner of the house.

Difficulties have arisen with the Jewish authorities over the exhumation of bodies at the Melbourne Old Cemetery. Jews desire that the remains of pioneers of their religion shall be left undisturbed.

Walking near the Melbourne Cricket Ground one night last week, Dr. John K. Adey, of the Receiving Home, Royal Park, was attacked and robbed by three young men. His assailants obtained a gold watch, a fountain pen and the sum of 15/.