

BROWNHILL CREEK RESERVE.

PLANTING PRICE AVENUE.

Some time ago the Mitcham District Council decided to plant an avenue of trees at the Brownhill Creek reserve. On Saturday afternoon a large number of people assembled to see the Premier (Hon. T. Price) plant the first tree. Arrangements had been made to proceed at once with the work of beautifying the extensive reserve, and this first batch of trees will be spread over a distance of half a mile from the Mitcham end of the reserve to the white bridge, and will include 80 plane trees.

Councillor Laffer (chairman of the district council), in introducing the Premier, mentioned that about 15 months ago the council decided to devote the entire revenue from the reserve to the work of improving it. The present income was about £25 per year. Messrs. M. Holtze and W. Gill had recommended plane trees as being the most suitable for the purpose. He anticipated that two years' revenue would be spent immediately. He quite expected that when the electric trams were extended to Mitcham they would be taken on to Belair through that reserve. The council wished the avenue to bear the name of the Premier and would therefore call it Price-avenue.

The Premier, after planting the first tree, expressed pleasure at being present. He regarded the honor done him in asking him to plant that tree and in calling the avenue after him as one of the greatest he had received during his political career. He remembered that Mitcham had done a good deal for him. It was the people of that district who first placed him in Parliament, as he would have been defeated at the poll but for the Mitcham vote. It was on that reserve, too, that he had made a certain speech which had become notorious all over the world for its truthfulness and for the trouble he got into for telling the truth. He sincerely congratulated the council on its efforts to beautify the reserve. He agreed with Mr. Laffer that the electric cars would go up that gully. They would take thousands of people from Adelaide to the recreation grounds.

Trees were also planted by Mesdames Price, Smeaton, Hennessy, Laffer, and Spiller, and afternoon tea was provided at the institute.