

## KIDMAN GATES OPENED

### High Tributes To "Cattle King"

"No man was better known throughout Australia during his lifetime than Sir Sidney Kidman, and there is no place where his memory could be commemorated so fittingly as at one of the entrances to the Show-ground," said His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir George Murray), in opening the imposing Kidman Memorial Entrance, which stands opposite the Centennial Hall at Wayville. Among those on the dais were Lady Kidman and members of her family.

The president of the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society (Mr. Duncan, M.L.C.) said that the erection of the gates was made possible by the generosity of the family of Sir Sidney Kidman. The society had been pleased to collaborate in the provision of a memorial to one who had done so much for the society, and who had played so important a part in the development of the pastoral industry of Australia.

#### Line Of Stations

Sir George Murray said that Sir Sidney Kidman won fame as Australia's "cattle king." If the success of his career were to be judged by the number of cattle which passed through his hands, and by the area of pastoral country which he controlled, he was well deserving of knighthood. His real claim to distinction, however, was of a different kind. Starting his career at the age of 12 years, with only 5/ in his pocket, he had gone into the outback of Australia, determined to make his own way. By indomitable spirit, he gained control of a line of stations reaching from Queensland to Broken Hill, and from the northern boundary of South Australia to the eastern side of Lake Torrens.

"The outlets for Sir Sidney's stock," continued His Excellency, "were the markets of Adelaide, Broken Hill, Melbourne, and Perth, and he kept a constant eye on the requirements of those centres. One might almost say that his run was the whole of Australia, and his markets the capital cities of the Commonwealth. Despite heavy losses in times of drought, he never lost heart, but retained faith in his huge undertakings.

"He was a man of remarkable foresight, unflinching courage, and resolute determination. Withal, he was kind-hearted, loyal to his friends, just to his employes, and generous to the unfortunates who were unable to stand up to the uncertainty of the pastoral enterprise in Central Aus-

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