

Flinders Archway

PLANS DISCUSSED

CEREMONY ON FEBRUARY 26

Plans for the erection of Flinders Arch, between the institute and town hall buildings, were discussed at a meeting of the Flinders Commemoration Committee, which was held in the committee room at the institute on Tuesday afternoon. Members present were the chairman (Mr. N. W. Wright) and Messrs. C. R. Doudy, L. J. Childs, E. P. Williams and S. L. Tregenza. Cr. F. G. W. Payze (designer) and Mr. T. Carey, representing Messrs. Miller's Lime Ltd., (constructors of the archway) were also present.

The South Australian Brass Engineering Co. advised that one of the memorial tablets which will be fixed to the archway was executed, and the other was awaiting the modelling of a relief portrait of Capt. Matthew Flinders. It was expected that both plates would be completed by the middle of January.

Mr. Carey read and explained the specification of the archway, which his firm had been instructed by the council to build. He stated that measures would be taken to prevent weather staining.

Plans and sketches of the archway, including the modifications prepared by Cr. Payze and approved by the council, were discussed.

It was resolved that the decision with regard to the height of the arch and tablets be left to the designer, builder and Mr. Wright.

The committee agreed that the bronze tablets be unveiled on Flinders Day (February 26), which is the 134th anniversary of the navigator's landing at the foot of Stamford Hill.

Upon the nomination of Mr. Tregenza, seconded by Mr. Doudy, it was agreed that the harbormaster (Capt. J. M. Thomson), Cr. Payze and Mr. Carey be added to the committee.

Cr. Payze suggested that a temporary board with painted inscription, be erected at the head of Proper Bay to indicate the locality where Flinders landed and dug for water. Mr. Wright stated that he and Mr. Williams had examined the spot, and had suggested to the committee that an ornamental pillar and a bronze plate be placed beside the roadway to Sleaford Bay, where it passed the

to Sleaford Bay, where it passed the head of the bay. The committee, however, had decided to substitute the present archway project, as being more central. He was still in favor of the spot being marked, if only in a modest way. It was resolved that consideration should be given at a later date to the erection of a memorial at Proper Bay, and that advantage be taken of the proposed visit of the Deputy Government Geologist (Mr. R. W. Signit) to Port Lincoln to consult him with regard to the probable site of the landing.

It was agreed that Mr. Doudy be deputy chairman of the committee during the absence of Mr. Wright on holiday this month.