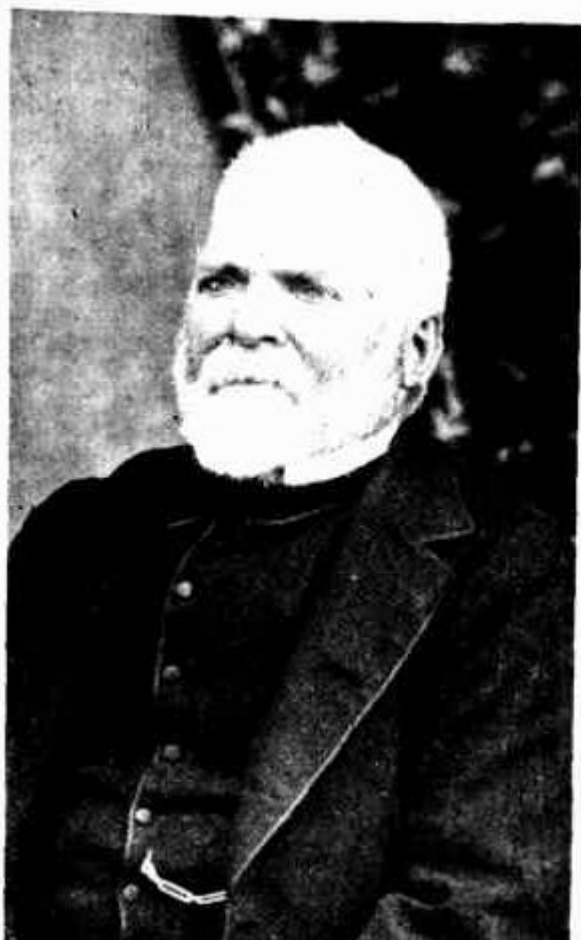


THE LATE MR. WILLIAM JARDINE.

A calmer life was that of Mr. Jardine's, as the following details, taken from the "Manaro Mercury" show:—Born in October, 1819, at Ryedale, Dumfries, Scotland, he landed in Sydney on January 8, 1841. He came to the Manaro district in 1846, and in the following year started the Jindabyne flour mill, using the waters of the Snowy River as the motive power. He worked the mill for several years, and then (about 40 years ago) purchased the Bullembalong station. He sold this to Mr. Donald Rylie shortly afterwards, and bought Curry Flat, a property of 14,000 acres, near Nimitybelle. Mr. Jardine subsequently re-purchased the Bullembalong station. He also bought the Biggam property, of 700 acres. When the Curry Flat station was acquired it was nearly all Crown land, unsecured, but is now a compact freehold property, and Mr. Jardine has resided there for about 35 years. Other properties owned by the deceased were Nitholm, of 1300 acres, near Cooma; 1200 acres at Jindabyne; and other smaller places.

Curry Flat, which carries sheep and cattle, was a very undesirable property before it became improved, and many were the warnings which Mr. Jardine received, that he could make nothing out of it. The grass was so rank and coarse that the outlook was not promising, but by burning off it became good for sheep, and the owner quickly fenced the paddocks, which then required no shepherds to watch



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the flocks. Mr. Jardine was a splendid stamp of a pioneer, of hardy constitution and a will to overcome all obstacles. Although not occupying prominent public positions, he was a steady worker, throwing the whole of his energies into matters which he took in hand. He was one of the promoters of the Cooma P. and A. Association, being a prominent and successful exhibitor of stock. For years he was one of the honorary magistracy and an elder of the Presbyterian Church of Cooma, he being one of the guarantors, and assisting largely to pay off the debt on the building. He was greatly interested in matters pertaining to the progress of the district, and his death has caused a void which is extremely difficult to fill. Being possessed of a kindly disposition, his charitable actions were manifold, as many residents can testify, while he gained the admiration and esteem of all with whom he came into contact by his unswerving probity. While a thoroughly practical and keen business man, with a mind of broad mould, his nature was of the gentle kind which endeared him to everyone.

Mr. Jardine leaves a family of five, viz., Mr. Robert Jardine, of Bullembalong; Mr. Angus Jardine, of Adaminaby; Mr. John Jardine, Curry Flat, and who has managed the properties for a number of years; Mr. James Jardine, of Biggam Cattle Station; and Miss Mary Jardine, who lives at Curry Flat. A son, William, died 20 years ago. Miss Agnes Carlisle Jardine, who lives at Nitholm, is a sister of the deceased, and, although having attained the age of 83, is still hale and hearty.