

# Lakeside

in the CENTRAL HIGHLANDS with Terry Cooper



saw a strange cliff and he decided to camp at Tads Corner that night. The next morning he sent one of his men by the name of Jones to walk around the lake anticlockwise planning to meet near the strange looking cliff. It took Jones approximately two days around the lake to meet up with Beaumont at the strange looking rock which is now the Beehives. Beaumont called it that on account of it being riddled with holes giving it a resemblance to a beehive.

After leaving Tads Corner Beaumont travelled south to the Shannon river. By now he was heading west. He came upon a bay which was black with swans hence the name Swan Bay, then on to the Beehives to wait for Jones to arrive. It was the 2nd of December 1817 when Beaumont and his servants camped at Tads Corner. It will be 173 years this coming December 2nd - and should be a day to remember. When John Beaumont passed away, he was buried in a lead coffin beside the Lake. Later when the HEC raised the lake level the casket was moved to higher ground at Miena. The memorial is located to the left of the arched dam and to this day a lot of tourists visit it. I wonder do they realise he was the first white man to see this wonderful lake.

## JOHN BEAUMONT

In the year 1817 Lt. Col. Thomas Davey the Governor of Hobart Town sent John Beaumont to discover a map of the land in central Tasmania. The route he took was past Bothwell via Lake Sorell and Crescent then past Lagoon of Islands. From there he discovered the Great Lake. He arrived at what is now known as Tods Corner Looking westward he saw a strange cliff and he

The plaque on his resting place reads:

THIS JOHN, HISTORIANS RELATE, GAVE SIGNAL SERVICE TO THE STATE IN MANY FIELDS HE WAS THE FIRST TO CAST HIS EYE AND SLAKE HIS THIRST UPON THIS NOBLE INLAND SEA WHERE NOW HE SPENDS ETERNITY.



This picture shows the northern end of the Great Lake. On the left you can see the haulage that was mentioned in a previous issue of the "Western Tiers", it was down this hill cement was lowered and loaded on to barge's and transported down the lake to

and transported down the lake to the southern end to build the second dam (the multi arch dam) Also in the picture you can see the neck between the lakes, it was across this neck that Jones of Beaumonts party crossed long before the first dam was thought

of Beaumonts party crossed long before the first dam was thought of, in later years the third dam was built to store more water for our generating schemes, I wonder will it ever eventuate.



LATE MR. & MRS. ERNEST STEVENS OF DUNORLAN. THIS PICTURE TAKEN APPROX. 1933.