



**DUTTON MEMORIAL.**

**Unveiling of Look-Out.**

**"In Memory of a Wonderful Man."**

Another prominent figure in Portland's history received homage yesterday, when the Dutton Look-Out, in memory of Captain William Dutton, the first man to take up temporary occupation in Portland, in 1828, was unveiled and presented to the Borough of Portland by the Old Portlanders' fraternity in Melbourne. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mr. William Frost, an associate of Dutton's during the last years of his life, and the Look-Out was handed over to the Mayor (Cr. J. L. Wyatt) by the president of the Old Boys, Mr. Angus Martin.

It was appropriate, and showed the widespread interest being taken in this week at Portland, that the flag draped over the tablet should be inscribed, "Presented by the Portland Urban District Council, Dorset, England." This shows there must be something in a name, after all.

Opening the ceremony, the Mayor explained that the memorial was erected on the identical spot that Capt. Dutton used for his look-out when scanning the bay for whales. After outlining the significance of the bluff on which the look-out has been erected, he made reference to the magnificent view. Capt. Dutton was evidently a man who knew when he had a good spot, for the view it commands reveals Portland Bay as one that stands pre-eminently beautiful among the bays of the world.

Mr. Angus Martin expressed his keen pleasure at the large attendance at the ceremony. He mentioned that the idea of the memorial was conceived two years ago, and when it was under way it was unanimously decided that the honor of the unveiling should fall to Mr. Frost. Mr. Frost was 81 years of age, but despite his heavy burden of years, was an active worker for the Association in Melbourne.

The occasion was an important one to Mr. Frost, who, in conversation before the ceremony, stated that he had spent a restless night on Tuesday. He did think it was possibly something he had eaten, but admitted that the big function ahead of him, at which he was to take such an important part, was not without its effect.

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"I want everybody to understand," said Mr. Frost, "that the Old Boys do not recognise Captain Dutton as the oldest settler. For the past 15 years the Old Boys have met on the nearest Saturday to November 19th to celebrate the Henty landing. Dutton was born in 1782, and obtained his Master Mariner's certificate at the age of 19, and was 20 when he landed at Portland. I have read in the papers that he made a fine garden here, but I don't think there could be anyone who knew less about gardening than Dutton. He was essentially a bird of passage, but a fine man, and caught more than one hundred whales in this bay.

"I was connected with him during his last season of whaling. It was a bad season, without result of any kind. Henty and Dutton died in the same year, 1878. I have with me here on this platform Steven Henty, a great-grandson of the famous pioneer."

Mr. Frost then drew the flag aside, revealing the tablet, inscribed:

**"Dutton's Lookout.  
Erected by  
A Few Old Portlanders  
of Melbourne,  
1934."**

Mr. Martin then officially handed the memorial over to the Mayor, who accepted it with thanks on behalf of the Borough. At this stage one minute's silence was observed in memory of Captain Dutton.

Mr. C. R. Long, M.A., who is a visitor for the celebrations, said, in the course of a brief address: "You have here in Portland an outline of the history of the district in the form of memorials."

The hot sea baths, which are now under new management, are advertised in this issue as being open daily to the public from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Host Holbrook says: I have a variety of Olives called small Queens. They are economical and tasty.