

### LORD LAMINGTON'S TRIP NORTH

The Townsville "Star" is indebted to Senior-Inspector Douglas for the following account of His Excellency the Governor's trip North after leaving Townsville. Inspector Douglas, to whom was given the whole of the arrangements connected with the tour, left with the necessary horses and buggies for Ingham on the 1st. June, arriving there on the following day. Lord Lamington and suite arrived at Ingham on the 9th; at 7.30 p.m. by means of the s.s. Christina Gillan from Townsville to Lucinda Point, and thence by tramway. The party stayed at Showcroft's Hotel for the night, making a start at 8 a.m. on the following day for the Valley of Lagoons, camping out on the top of the range that night. The journey was resumed at 6.30 a.m. on the 20th, by the party visiting the Walliman Falls, the head of the Stone River, on horseback. Retracing their steps the party picked up the buggies at Burgoon Creek, a distance of eleven miles, and proceeded to Oakhill Station, arriving there at 7.30 p.m., being cordially welcomed by Mr Barker. The boardable station was left at 9 a.m. the following day: the Valley of Lagoons, a distance of 46 miles, was reached at 5 p.m. the same day. Here a warm welcome awaited His Excellency and friends on the part of Mr and Mrs Ramaden, and two very pleasant days were put in, game in the district providing fairly good sport. On the 26th a start was made for Mount Garnet, Mr and Mrs Ramaden accompanying the party. A distance of 47 miles was accomplished during the day, and a camp out in Dumper Gully for the night followed. Leaving at 7 the following morning, the 1st. July, Mr Bromfield's Gunnawarra Station, a distance of 14 miles, was soon reached, although the road, similar to that from the Valley of Lagoons, was over heavy basalt country. Gunnawarra was left at 11 a.m., and Mount Garnet, a distance of 22 miles, was touched at 2 p.m. Here His Excellency examined the workings of the mines, leaving at 5 p.m. for the hot springs at Nettle Creek, 10 miles from Mount Garnet, reaching the famous mineral waters at 6.37 p.m. The virtues of the hot springs were practically tested by the Governor and others of the party. Staying the night here the party left on the following morning at 11 o'clock (2nd July) for Herberton, arriving there at 5.30 p.m. a distance of 30 miles over a rough road. Passing the night at Herberton a start was made for Mareeba at 11 o'clock on the morning of the 3rd, and the railway terminus being reached at 4.17 p.m. the party at once left by special train for Cairns. On arriving in Cairns the s.s. Lucinda was boarded, and steam made for Brisbane. On the way down the railway line a short stay was made in order to enable the party to see the Barron Falls.

The visit to the portion of the North traversed being entirely of an unofficial character, His Excellency was, according to his expressed wish, received everywhere without any demonstration.

Before parting with Senior Inspector Douglas, Lord Lamington highly complimented that officer on the excellence and completeness of all the arrangements he had made for the travelling requirements of the party.

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