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own sheep station belonging to Maryland Station. When the railway came to Stanthorpe he used to carry the wool from Genterfield to There. The team he then drove, belonged to Tom Connolly. Later again he had teams of his own.

Stockman at The Bluff

In 1884 or 1885 he went stock-keeping at The Bluff for Genterfield Station. This out-station was situated across the creek from The Bluff ^{railway} gates. The railway to Genterfield was then in course of construction & was approaching completion. Mr. Heffernan spent 7 years at this out-station.

The Blacks

Asked about the tradition of the blacks being driven over The Bluff by a party of white men, in the early days of settlement, in punishment for killing a shepherd, & stealing sheep, he said he thought the story was right. It was said that

The bones of the killed blacks were to be seen below the precipice & in the caves, but he had never seen any.

In the early years of settlement on ~~the Mole~~, the blacks were very troublesome & dangerous. So many shepherds were killed, that it was difficult to get men to act as shepherds, as they were in constant danger of being speared. Someone gave the blacks a bag of poisoned flour, & many died through eating it. This incident was hushed up, & kept as quiet as possible.

Later Occupations

Leaving the Bluff, the next move was to Lee-field, sheep farming. But he had no fortune with the sheep owing to dingoes, & wormy sheep in the wet seasons which followed.

He then went dairying. Later on