**Beecroft Post Office & Services**

**Australian Star (Sydney, NSW: 1887 - 1909), Tuesday 21 January 1890, page 6**

POST OFFICE FOR BEECROFT,

Mr. Frank Farnell, M.L.A., has received a letter from the secretary of the post-office, stating, in reply to a request made by the residents of Beecroft for the establishment of a post-office at that place, that the amount of correspondence was not sufficient to warrant an establishment of a post-office at present, but the Postmaster would favor the opening of a receiving office there.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 1 February 1890, page 2**

Beecroft.

POST OFFICE. - Mr. Frank Farnell, M.P., has received the following: - “General Post Office, Sydney, 20th January, 1890. Sir, - In reference to my communication of the 10th instant acknowledging the receipt of yours of the 8th idem, covering an application from Messrs. C. W. Tucker, A. Murray, C. F. Howe, and other residents of Beecroft for the establishment of a Post Office at that place, I am directed to intimate that inquiry has been made in the matter mid it would appear from the reports furnished that the amount of correspondence is not sufficient to warrant the establishment of a Post Office, at any rate at present. The Postmaster General is, however, disposed to establish a Receiving Office, provided the Department is not put to any expense for the porterage of the mails between the Office and the local Railway Platform, and I am to ask whether you can recommend a suitable person for the position of Receiving Office Keeper at a salary of £5 per annum. - I have, &c.-, S. H. Lambton, Secretary.

Mr. Farnell informs us that he has recommended Mr. McKnight for the position.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 8 February 1890, page 3**

Beecroft.

Postal. — Mr. Frank Farnell, M.P., has received the following: - General Post Office Sydney, 30th January, 1889 Sir, — Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant, relative to the communication presented by you, from Messrs. M. Quinn. J. Egan, G. B. Moran find others of Beecroft, on the Homebush-Waratah Railway Line, for the establishment of Postal accommodation at that place, I am directed to inform you that the Postmaster General has approved of the establishment of a Receiving office at the place in question, on the 10th proximo, under the charge of Mr. Richard McKnight. — I have, &c, S. H. Lambton, Secretary.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 27 October 1894, page 8**

Beecroft.

The Argus Delay. - Mr. Casserly, the local station and postmaster, states that another subscriber complained to him this week about the non-receipt of The Argus. Ho adds that all he can say in the matter is that either the paper is not sent from the publishing office, or else it is cribbed on the way from the office to the Parramatta post office, or else it is at the latter post office where the trouble is caused. Wherever the trouble is caused, it seems rather peculiar that Beecroft and Carlingford subscribers have cause to complain, for it is a fact that at post offices at other stations on the northern line, including Ryde, Eastwood, Thornleigh and Hornsby Junction (stations which are on both sides of the Beecroft and Carlingford stations) The Argus is delivered regularly on Saturdays to subscribers.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 9 February 1895, page 3**

Beecroft Progress Association.

Annual Report.

Post Office. - Application was made by your Committee to the Postmaster-General for the establishment of a Post Office at Beecroft, and a reply was received stating that after due consideration it was regretted the request could not be granted. A request for increased mailage communication was then made, and in response thereto an additional mail in the afternoon, both to and from Sydney, was granted.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 17 August 1895, page 8**

Beecroft.

Postal — Mr. T. Casserly, our local station master, has received notification from the Postal Department appointing him as Postmaster in lieu of receiving office master here, the Department having decided to convert the present receiving office into a post office on the 21st instant. It is hoped the Railway Commissioners will now make a move to increase the office accommodation at the station which at the present time is far too little.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 14 September 1895, page 6**

Beecroft Progress Association.

Postal Matters. - From the Postmaster-General dated August 7th in reply to the secretary's letter of July 20th, stating that it has been decided to convert the present receiving office at Beecroft station into a post office, to take effect from August 31st, and that the request that the post office be removed to Mr Stobo’s store will be further considered by the Postal Department.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 19 Oct 1895**

Beecroft.

**Progress Association**. – The Progress Committee held a meeting at Stobo’s store on Monday October 14. Present Mr. C. C. Tucker J.P. President, in the chair and Messrs. F. T. Mason, H. Perdriau, Lovell, Milne, G. Willis, Gelling, H. O. Holcombe, Treasurer, and the Hon. Secretary E. C. Perdriau. In reply to correspondence forwarded by the Association, letters were received from the Postal Department, stating that the Department approved of the Post Office being removed from the Railway Station to Stobo’s store, but with reference to the telephone communication it was not considered advisable, seeing that only a short distance separated Stobo’s store from the station. With reference to the request for a letter delivery, after some consideration the Department considered that the business at present transacted at the office was insufficient to warrant the expense that would be incurred in providing a letter carrier. As the district was a growing one the letter recommended that, if such an application was made in about 12 months, time, it would then be reconsidered by the Department.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 26 Oct 1895**

Beecroft.

**Post Office**. – The Post Office is to be removed from the railway station to Mr. Stobo’s store on the 1st November next. Mr. Stobo has received his appointment as postmaster and has also been notified that a microphone connecting with the telegraph at the station will be fixed in his office. The removal of the office is generally considered to be an advantage, as, when it was situated at the railway station, delays often occurred to people waiting for their correspondence, which will under present arrangements not be the case. The delay at the station, it must be understood, is not mentioned with the intention of attributing any blame to the official there, but it is a delay which cannot be avoided on any station where the stationmaster is saddled with the duties of postmaster as well.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 21 November 1896, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

Another letter carrier has been appointed at East Carlingford in lieu of letter-carrier Middleton resigned.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 December 1897, page 7**

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

Beecroft

On the motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr Lovell, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Postmaster General asking that a letter delivery be provided for Beecroft.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 19 March 1898, page 10**

Beecroft.

Beecroft Progress Association.

From the Post and Telegraph Department, stating that the question of instituting a delivery of letters in the township was under consideration.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 August 1898, page 8**

Beecroft Progress Association.

Correspondence was read: — From the Deputy Postmaster General, stating with regard to the Association's application for the establishment of a delivery of correspondence by letter-carrier at Beecroft, that instructions had been given for the East Carlingford mounted carrier to deliver at Beecroft after completing the morning delivery, to the residents of East Carlingford. In view of the existing connection, this (the letter went on to say) was the best arrangements the Department would be justified in making for the present. It was generally agreed that the arrangement was satisfactory as far as it went, but that it did not, unfortunately, go far enough.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 5 November 1898, page 12**

East Carlingford.

The Mail Boy. — The East Carlingford mail boy, William Hopkins, who also attends to the delivery of letters at Beecroft, has been incapacitated for several days past and his duties have been taken up by his brother. Hopkins had invested in a new charger, and on Saturday last the animal “played up” with him and he was somewhat violently thrown near Beecroft. The youth was badly shaken and bruised, but is now fast recovering from the effects of the accident.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 12 November 1898, page 10**

Beecroft.

Postal Notes. — The Postmaster General has directed that postal-notes shall in future be issued from the post office at Beecroft.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 21 January 1899, page 10**

Beecroft.

Unsatisfactory. — The postal arrangements, for a district within such easy access to the metropolis as Beecroft are by no means as satisfactory as they might be. That, for instance, letters from Sydney should be delivered in the Victorian capital about as soon as they are in Beecroft is scarcely consistent with the progressive spirit of the age and extremely unsatisfactory to the denizens of Beecroft. The present arrangement for the delivery of letters by the letter-carrier who does the East Carlingford rounds might be improved upon with advantage to both centres. Could not the Beecroft Progress Association come to the rescue.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 28 January 1899, page 7**

Beecroft Progress Association.

The Annual Meeting.

 The hon. treasurer reported a credit balance of £3 4s Id at the close of the year. Under the new rules the only condition of membership was the payment by a property owner or householder of the annual subscription o£ 2s 6d, and it was hoped that every resident of Beecroft would assist the Committee by becoming a member of the Association.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 February 1899, page 10**

Beecroft.

Postal Matters. - Complaints are still being made against the present arrangements for the delivery of letters, etc in Beecroft, and it is not unlikely that the grievance will be brought very forcibly under the notice the committee of the Beecroft Progress Association at their next monthly meeting. It is too much to expect that one letter-carrier can meet the requirements of both East Carlingford and Beecroft, and it is suggested that when he takes unto himself a holiday, arrangements should be made for someone to take his place.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 March 1899, page 10**

Beecroft.

The Mail Service. — In response to the Beecroft Progress Association's earnest request for an improvement in the present arrangements for delivering mail matter in Beecroft and its environs, the Deputy-Postmaster has written to say that nothing can be done. At present one letter-carrier supplies both East Carlingford and Beecroft; and, as East Carlingford is attended to first, it is very often as late as 2 o'clock in the afternoon before some of the Beecroft residents get their letters. The Beecroft Progress Association has determined to submit to the postal authorities the advisability of appointing a letter-carrier to deliver mails to the residents of Beecroft, Pennant Hills and Thornleigh, there being at present no delivery in the last two-mentioned places. They would considerably strengthen their position were they to seek the co-operation of the Pennant Hills and Thornleigh associations, who would willingly join in making such a reasonable request.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Wednesday 25 October 1899, page 3**

Beecrofft,

Postal Matters. — Mr. Harold Cadell, of “Wotonga,” Beecroft, has been stirring up the Postal Department with regard to the late delivery of correspondence at Beecroft. He has received a reply through Mr. E. Terry, M.P., to the effect that the matter is under consideration. Mr. Cadell considers that correspondence posted in Sydney should be delivered in Beecroft at least as soon as in Melbourne.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 10 Mar 1900**

Beecroft.

**A “Fat” Billet**. – A notice has been posted at the Beecroft Post Office inviting applications for the position of letter carrier, age 14 to 16 years, salary 10s per week. As he is to walk, delivering letters from the top of Red Hill to Cheltenham and out to the junction of Murray Farm road and the Pennant Hills road, and all around Beecroft, the billet has not been rushed. Residents of the outlying parts of Beecroft may hope, under the above circumstances, to receive their Monday’s mail about Wednesday. It is to be hoped the member for the district will explain to the Department the impossibility of a boy getting around Beecroft on “shank’s pony.”

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 17 March 1900, page 12**

Epping.

Postal. — It is reported that the Epping letter-carrier, Master 'William Hopkins, is be transferred to Hornsby Junction.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 14 April 1900, page 12**

Beecroft.

A letter was read from the Postal Department, intimating that a letter-carrier had been appointed for Beecroft

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 26 May 1900, page 1**

BREVITIES.

Septimus Butler has been gazetted telegraph messenger at Epping, vice Hopkins; and R. P. Kinealy telegraph messenger [employed by the N.S.W. Government Railways & Tramways] at Beecroft.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 14 July 1900, page 10**

Beecroft Progress Association.

It was decided to write to the postal authorities requesting them to appoint a letter-carrier in the place of the youth who had left the service. The late letter-carrier, it transpired, bad ceased his duties about ten days previously, and not only had no arrangements been made by the department to appoint a successor, but no intimation had been made that the delivery of letters would be stopped. The result was not a little inconvenience to some of the residents. One gentleman had a letter containing a cheque lying at the post-office for ten days before the discovery was made.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 16 November 1901, page 10**

Beecroft.

Progress Association-.

On the motion of Mr. Bosworth, seconded by Mr. Tucker, it was resolved that the Deputy Postmaster-General be requested to alter the last outgoing mail from 6.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m., the same as at Pennant Hills, and it was further resolved, on the motion of Mr. Perry seconded by Mr. Bosworth, to ask for the erection of two letter boxes - one at the junction of the main Beecroft-road and Cheltenham-road, and the other on the Murray Farm-road opposite Mr. Lamont's place.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 16 November 1901, page 12**

BEECROFT, Friday

The Progress Committee met on Tuesday evening The Railway Commissioners wrote declining the request for a tram to arrive in by due at 9 30 a.m. it was resolved to petition the Deputy Postmaster-General to alter the last outward mail from 6.30 to 8.45 p.m.

**Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Tuesday 18 February 1902, page 2**

With regard to postal matters, it was resolved to request the Postmaster-General to make the Beecroft office an “official” post office.

**Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Friday 11 July 1902, page 4**

Beecroft Post Office robbed.

Information was received this morning in Sydney of a burglary which is reported to have taken place last night at the Beecroft (near Ryde) Post Office. The post office, it appears, is not a public building, but a store, kept by Mr. Thomas Stobo, where letters are left for local residents, The store was robbed of what amount has not yet been ascertained; among -the missing property being some postal notes, stamps, etc., the property of the Government, to the value of about £5.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 12 July 1902, page 4**

Burglars at Beecroft.

The Post Office Ransacked.

The Beecroft Post-office, which is attached to Mr. Stobo's store, was broken into on Thursday night or Friday morning, and a thorough clearance made of the money and stamps, valued at about £8. Some postal notes were also taken, but they would be valueless, as they were unstamped. Entrance was gained to the post-office by the fanlight over the front door. In order to prevent a surprise, the burglars or burglar bolted the doors on the inside. The exit was also made by the fanlight. It is uncertain whether the mails were interfered with.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 12 July 1902, page 10**

ROBBERY AT A POST-OFFICE.

BEECROFT, Friday.

The Beecroft Post-office was broken into last night, and all the postal sheets were stolen. The post-office is associated with Stobo's general store, and the post-office money is kept in a separate till in the store. Money to the amount of about £3 was taken, but the contents of the store were not interfered with. The robbers are supposed to have entered by the fanlight above the front door. A brace and bit and jemmy were found close to the store. The postmaster on trying to open the store this morning found that he was locked out.

Later.

Stamps and money to the amount of £8 and about half a dozen letters posted in the evening were taken from the Beecroft Post-office in the robbery last night. The postal notes taken were not signed or stamped, and were of no value. Nothing was molested in the store to which the post-office is attached.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Monday 14 July 1902, page 5**

BEECROFT, Sunday.

In addition to the articles already named a cheque book containing a few blank cheque forms on the Bank of New South Wales was stolen from Stobo's store on the night of the post-office robbery, as were also a registered letter receipt book, and the keys of the receiving letter boxes at Murray-road and Cheltenham.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 22 November 1902, page 11**

Beecroft.

Public Meeting.

A series of resolutions were moved by Mr. Holcombe, seconded by Mr. Perdriau and carried unanimously to the following effect, viz.,

(1) That an official post office be established at Beecroft; (2) That there be two deliveries daily instead of one as at present, and that the letter carrier be provided with a horse so as to ensure the more expeditious delivery of letters; and (3) That the closing of the last mail from Beecroft be extended from 6.15 p.m. — the present time — until not earlier than 9 p.m. It was pointed out that the existing postal arrangements were responsible for a considerable loss of postal revenue, residents being obliged, owing to the early closing of the mails, to take letters which they would otherwise post at Beecroft, to Sydney and post them there.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 22 November 1902, page 12**

Beecroft Postal Requirements.

The residents of Beecroft are anxious to get better postal facilities. In fact, they are of the opinion that the place is now of sufficient importance to warrant them in asking for the establishment of an official post-office, and that there be two deliveries daily, instead of one as at present; also that the letter carrier be provided with a horse in order to ensure the more expeditious deliver of letters.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Thursday 15 December 1904, page 11**

Beecroft postal arrangements.

The Beecroft Progress Association has for some time past been endeavoring to secure of late mall from that district to Sydney. The postal authorities did not consider that the business transacted at the local office was sufficient to warrant it being kept open at night,

but with a view of meeting the wishes of the association have had a post-box affixed to the rear of the train leaving Hornsby at 9.7 p.m., on all nights except Saturdays, and 9.10 p.m. on Sundays. The residents by posting their letters In the box, can secure a mail leaving Beecroft about three hours later than formerly. Owing to the absence of a telegraph office at Beecroft, the Postal Department has promised to erect a bound-proof telephone box.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Tuesday 14 February 1905, page 7**

BEECROFT LETTER DELIVERY.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, - I wish to draw attention to the time that letters are delivered in Beecroft and Cheltenham, which is frequently at 1 o'clock. This is a serious inconvenience to business people. As the mail leaves Beecroft at 2 p.m. there is no time to reply to important letters. The Postman’s round comprises 10 miles, which he has to do on foot. Why should not a horse be provided for that purpose? A bicycle is useless, as the roads are so hilly. I feel confident that our present Postmaster-General will not approve of this sweating system when it is brought under his notice. — Yours, etc., AV.S. February 10.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 March 1905, page 10**

Beecroft.

A letter was read from Mr. Higgins, storekeeper, suggesting the advisability of having a letter box Greeted at the corner of Kirkham-street and the main Beecroft-road, for the convenience of those residing in the vicinity, also that he might be allowed to sell postage stamps. It was decided to write to the Department, with a view to inducing the authorities to give effect to Mr. Higgins' suggestions, with regard to both matters.

**Sunday Times (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1930), Sunday 29 October 1905, page 2**

COMMONWEALTH GAZETTE

The following notifications appear, in the current issue -of the Commonwealth Government “Gazette”:

Tenders are called, open until November 8, for the following services: Conveyance of mails to and from post-office and railway station, Beecroft, three times each way daily, or oftener if required, the delivery of telegrams within a mile radius of the office, and of correspondence within the present postal area, once daily: the tender to cover any reasonable extension if required in the clearance of postal receivers. The tender by Taylor Bros., Sydney, is accepted for forage, postal department stables, Sydney.' -

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 5 May 1906, page 10**

Ryde Police Court.

A CASE UNDER THE POSTAL ACT.

Roy Glynn, who gave his age as 16 years and nine months, was charged on a summons issued on the information of the Postal Inspector, with that, on or about the 8th February, at Beecroft, he being then a person employed under the Department of the Postmaster-General to wit as a casual letter carrier, did wilfully detain certain postal articles, to wit, three letters, sent by post, the property of the Postmaster-General.

Ho pleaded guilty.

The Inspector explained that, instead of delivering the three letters referred to, the defendant had thrown them into the receiver, where they had remained from the 7th to the 11th of February. The lad had admitted that every time he went to the receiver for other letters, he had thrown these three back again without any apparent motive. There was no imputation on his integrity.

The father, who was present, said the lad was in delicate health.

Mr. MacNevin said he had sole jurisdiction in this case, and was sorry he could not deal with defendant under the Crimes Act relating to first offences, because a penalty was imposed — a penalty not exceeding £25. He would like to deal lightly with the offence, but there was the danger if he made the punishment nominal that it would be regarded as a precedent for others. There was no imputation of any kind on the lad's integrity, and taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, he thought justice would be met by a fine of 20s, and 9s costs, in default seven days' light labor. The fine was immediately paid.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 28 Jul 1906**

Beecroft.

**The Building Trade**. – Mr. T. Stobo is about to have his shop, which also includes the post-office, enlarged to just about double the present dimensions. The plans are in the course of preparation, and the work will be put in hand almost immediately. The greater facilities for postal requirements that will be given by the alteration will be much appreciated.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 December 1909, page 8**

Beecroft.

Progress Association.

Mr. Murray said that most of the residents posted their letters in Sydney, and bought their stamps there, so that the postal business done at Beecroft was very little. The president moved, and it was carried, that another application be made to the Department to establish an official post office at Beecroft, with a more up-to-date mail service.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 June 1910, page 2**

Mail Services.

The New Contracts.

Following are particulars of contracts entered into for the conveyance of post office mails from 1st January, 1910:

Postmaster, Beecroft; Railway station and post office, Beecroft; delivering letters and telegrams, and clearing receivers; 50 yards; thrice a day; horseback (delivery); - £65 per annum.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 23 July 1910, page 8**

Beecroft.

POST OFFICE. - The Postal Department has replied to the request of the residents for the establishment of an official post office at Beecroft, intimating that the revenue must amount to £430 per annum before such an office could be established. Some of the residents consider that this is merely “bluff” and allege that quite a number of post offices in the State are recognised as official, though the revenue is less than half the amount stated. It is pointed out, however, that if all the residents purchased their stamps and money orders locally, instead of in Sydney, the necessity for a proper post office would become apparent to the Department.

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**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 22 Oct 1910**

Beecroft.

**Sold Out**. – Mr. Stobo, a well-known Beecroft storekeeper, sold out last week to Messrs. Drummond, of the Northern Rivers.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 22 July 1911, page 3**

Beecroft Progress Association.

From the Deputy Postmaster-General, re the association 's request for the establishment of a money order branch and Savings Bank at Beecroft post office, granting the first, but deciding against the latter request for the present.

Postal Matters. The president reported having interviewed Mr. Young, the Deputy Postmaster-General, re an official post office for Beecroft. Ho was informed that the local postmaster intended to give more accommodation for the postal business, and that the Department wan allowing him a bigger salary on that account. He (the president) urged the necessity for the provision of a post office that would be titling to the progress made by the district in a few years’ time. The district was determined to have a good post office; and Mr. Young had promised to pay a visit to the district shortly. As to the complaint about the slow delivery of telegrams, the D.P.M.G. said that the business was not big enough to keep a special telegraph messenger; and telegrams arriving after the boy had started on his rounds had to wait, therefore, until his return. If that was not satisfactory, telegrams might not be received for this office. Mr. Artwell said that the local postmaster might telephone the contents of wires addressed to those who were connected by phone. Several members stated that this was done.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 2 December 1911, page 8**

Beecroft.

Progress Association. — This association met at the school of Arts on Wednesday, Mr. Alcock presiding. A letter was read from the Savings Bank authorities, regretting that they could not see their way at present to open a branch bank at the Beecroft post office. Mr. Forsyth said that the inspector informed him that the Department were not in favor of opening branches of the Savings Bank, except at official post offices.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 November 1911, page 5**

Mr. Cook on Education.

Their Federal member, Mr. Cook, had always shown his readiness to assist the district to get anything they wanted; and if they had not got a new post-office and a telephone exchange, well, that was not Mr. Cook's fault.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 10 February 1912, page 8**

Beecroft Progress Association.

The Post Office. The president reported that he had interviewed Mr. Young, relative to a proper post office for Beecroft, and he promised to do all he could. The Beecroft people, through their apathy, had lost the telephone bureau. Complaints were made as to delays in the delivery of certain letters from the local post-office. One letter addressed to J. Walker, though asked for on four or five occasions, had been sent to the Dead Letter Office. The president said that the local storekeeper and postmaster, Mr. [Thomas?] Savage, was anxious to relinquish the post office business.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 May 1912, page 8**

Beecroft.

Official Post Office. — The Beecroft post office was opened as an official one on Monday, under the charge of Mr. Dadly. Hitherto, it had been run in conjunction with the general store business of Mr. Savage, but that gentleman found the postal work too much of a … and only kept the post office on during … months at the urgent … … … department. The postal business he transacted for a time in … … … the store, as before but the … … still recently … … as a … … shop … now being fitted out … … for … … post office and when this work is completed the removal will take place. The office opens at 9 a.m. and remains open till 6 p.m. with a break of three-quarters of an hour at mid-day. The first mail from Sydney and Strathfield is received at 7.44 a.m., and the next at 3.30 p.m. Mails are despatched to Sydney at 8.15 a.m., 1.45 p.m., and 7.50 p.m., and to Strathfield, for west and south, at 3.30 p.m. The office is to be supplied with a Morse instrument, for the transmitting of telegrams. On Saturdays, there will be only two mails despatched, viz., at 8.15 a.m. and 1.45 p.m., and on Sunday only one, viz., at 8.50 p.m. Mr. T. Ryan is assistant postmaster, and Mr. Bert. Goodwin letter-carrier. There will be two deliveries of letters daily.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 31 May 1913, page 8**

Beecroft.

A Postal Lease. — Tt is gazetted Hint approval of authority has been granted for the approval for postal purposes, from Mrs. Jane Ann Coward, of certain premises at Beecroft, for a period of two years, as from 13th May, 1912, at a rental of £72 per annum

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 July 1912, page 8**

Beecroft.

Progress Association.

Mr. Alcock introduced Mr. Dadley, the local postmaster. Councillor Nixon said that he knew Mr. Dadley in Ashfield, and he thought the people of Beecroft should be proud that the Government sent such a capable officer to take charge of their post office.

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Mr. Wachsmann said that since he had made a bit of a fuss about the late delivery of telegrams, more promptitude had been observed. He asked whether a letter-carrier was justified in pitching the letters over the fence. Mr. Moore said that where a letter-box was not provided, and no one answered the postman's whistle, the letters were to be taken back to the office.

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Beecroft.

Look Out. — Beecroft is threatened with a great loss. At the meeting of the Beecroft Progress Association on Tuesday, the president (Mr. E. H. Alcock) reported that the residents were not supporting the local post office as they should, and in consequence the revenue was not justifying the official post office being retained. Mr. Alcock stated that if the people did not use the post office more fully, they would certainly lose this great convenience.

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Beecroft.

The Post Office. - The Postal Department is advertising for a postal assistant, to take charge of the Beecroft post office. The salary is to be £126 to £150, less 10 per cent, for quarters.

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Beecroft.

The Post Office. Within the next couple of weeks, there will, in all probability, be a postmistress in charge, of the Beecroft post office, in place of Mr. Hunter, the acting postmaster. The Department are at present considering applications for the position.

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Beecroft.

Post Office. - Mr. W. C. Oldroyd, of Leichhardt, has been appointed assistant in charge of the Beecroft post office, vice Mr. Hunter, relieving postmaster. Mr. Oldroyd will take over his new duties in about a fortnight 's time. Mr. Morrow has been appointed assistant P.M.

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Beecroft.

Recovering. - Mr. Frank Ryan, postal assistant at Beecroft, who was successfully operated on in St. Vincent's Hospital for appendicitis, is recovering. He has returned home after a two months' stay in hospital.

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BEECROFT.

OFF TO THE WAR.

Mr. J. McDarra, letter carrier at Beecroft, has joined the expeditionary forces. He has been presented with a case of razors and a shaving outfit by the staff, the presentation being made by the postmaster; Mr. W. Oldroyd.

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BEECHOFT.

Mr. Alf Biden, who has been a letter carrier at Beecroft for several years, has retired from the service.