

Bourke and Spring Streets. The sites of the present National Hotel, Astley's Theatre, Military Office of Collins Street east, the fine residences at the top of Collins Street, and the stores on the south side of the top of Bourke Street, were held so valueless that not an offer was made for them. Some of that land is now worth £150 a foot.

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There were 12 lots of about 25 acres each, forming the present Township of Richmond. Lot 24, fetching £24 an acre, is that at the corner of Richmond and Punt Roads; 37 is opposite to it; and 47 is at the corner of East Melbourne and Simpson Roads. The other 10 Country Lots are in the neighbourhood of Pentridge.

Lot.	Acres.		Per acre.	Lot	Acres.		Per acre.	
21	25.	Rev. J. Docker	-	£24	142	373.	R. H. Browne -	£1 10
22	25.	Do	-	15	143	310.	R. W. Welsh -	1 1
23	26.	McNall	-	17	144	312.	Do -	1 6
24	25.	Do	-	24	145	537.	Do -	1 19
25	25.	Crock	-	22	146	1117.	R. H. Browne -	1 1
26	25.	Yaldwyn	-	21	147	640.	A. C. Sparke -	18
36	28.	Wiggan	-	21	148	640.	Lyon Campbell -	1 8
37	28.	S. Craig	-	28	149	640.	Urquhart -	1 5
38	28.	Wreade	-	25	150	640.	R. H. Browne -	0 15
39	27.	Muston	-	21	151	780.	J. P. Fawkner -	2 10
46	27.	Witton	-	13				
47	27.	McCrae	-	16				

A few illustrations may here be added to our early land history. The friend of a Hobart Town man bought for him a corner of Flinders Lane and Elizabeth Street for £40. The exclamation of the party on receiving the news was, "You have ruined me." Mr. Gardiner bought the south east corner of Little Collins and Elizabeth Streets for £22, and sold it for £600; soon after an affair came of £3000. Cashmore's corner was once placarded with notices of "This land for sale at £2 a foot frontage." In May 1839 it fetched £630 in lots. The Auctioneer, Mr. Charles Williams, has the following modest advertisement of the sale;—"The original proprietor, though unwilling to part with this allotment, could not withstand the numerous applications for even a portion of it, and has kindly consented to a Surveyor laying it out in the most advantageous manner for the public." The corner of Collins Street and William Street, the site of the present Bank of New South Wales, cost Mr. Eyre £50. On August 5th, 1839, it realized £2010. Mr. Fawkner's east corner of King and Flinder's Streets cost him only £32, and was sold for £1613 6s. 6d.