

HARROP BROS., Hughenden. **GEORGE HARROP, J.P.,** was born at "Barambah," a property situated in the Burnett district, on June 13, 1877, and is the second son



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of Mr. James Harrop, who was brought to Australia by his parents when an infant. The founder of the line now established in Queensland was the late Henry Harrop, a descendant of a very old English farming stock, who, hailing from Macclesfield, Cheshire, landed with his family in the territory then known as the Moreton Bay district in the forties, immediately proceeding to that part of the country which is fertilized by the waters of the Logan, and there settling down to agricultural pursuits. The Harrop family were amongst the pioneers of the Logan district, and continued to work the land acquired on their arrival until the death of Mr. Henry Harrop, when the property, which was a freehold proposition, was leased for a time. It is worthy of mention that it is yet in their possession, providing one of the rare instances in which country taken up during the infancy of Queensland continues to be identified with the original owners. Five children were born to the late Henry Harrop. After his death his son, Mr. James Harrop, devoted his energies to stock dealing, and followed that department of the pastoral industry until his retirement from business pursuits, having been a well-known figure in and around Brisbane—where he still

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resides—during the intervening 50 years. He is still hale and hearty at the ripe old age of 72, spending the autumn of his days with the companion who trod with him life's journey, proving herself a staunch comrade through the various vicissitudes which chequered his career, and now sharing with him the love and reverence of their descendants to the second generation, namely, two sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren. Both sons and one of the grandsons participated in the Great European War. Mr. George Harrop was educated at Petrie Terrace School, Brisbane, where he pursued his studies until reaching the age of 14, when he became apprenticed to



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Messrs. R. W. Thurlow & Co., Ltd., of Brisbane, continuing his commercial career in that service for the ensuing eight years. On the outbreak of the Boer War in 1889 he was amongst the first to volunteer for active service, and as a member of the Fourth Queensland Imperial Bushmen's Contingent took part in the campaigns conducted in the Orange Free State, the Transvaal, and Cape Colony. When the war ended he returned to Australia and joined the staff of Messrs Samuel Allen & Sons, Northern Queensland, with which he was connected for eight years. While operating in the north on behalf of the above-mentioned firm he availed himself of an opportunity afforded him of

purchasing a half share in a general business established in Hughenden by Mr. W. Wilkes, within two years taking over the whole direction of this concern, which he still conducts in conjunction with more recently acquired interests, some of which include grazing areas in the vicinity of Hughenden. He made his first essay into the pastoral industry in the year 1913, on various subsequent occasions enlarging his operations in this direction, with the result that he is now the owner of an acreage considerably in excess of 100,000, which is devoted to sheep and cattle. His later ventures included a quarter share in "Thirlstone," in the vicinity of Hughenden, the area of which station embraces 81,000 acres; a half share in "Tarella," which lies in the district outlying Torrens Creek; and the country comprising "Sussex Park," a grazing proposition situated near Hughenden, which he personally conducts. In the public life of Hughenden he has been a prominent figure, having held aldermanic honours for six years and twice filled the Mayoral chair. He acted as the Western representative of the Townsville Harbour Board for four years. A foundation member of the Flinders Club, he has been a committeeman of that institution since its inception, being also



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a member of the North Queensland Club, Townsville. Field sports have always held for him a strong appeal, particularly in his younger days, when he entered whole-heartedly

into these forms of recreation. He was one of the early members of the Brisbane Hunt Club, and in that connection earned an enviable reputation as a cross-country amateur

Ltd., of Brisbane. Six years later, following a natural bent in his nature which responded to the call of the wide spaces of his native land, he decided to test the possibilities of

in business, and is now occupied with duties connected therewith, having during the interval donned the khaki at his Country's call and contributed his "bit" as a

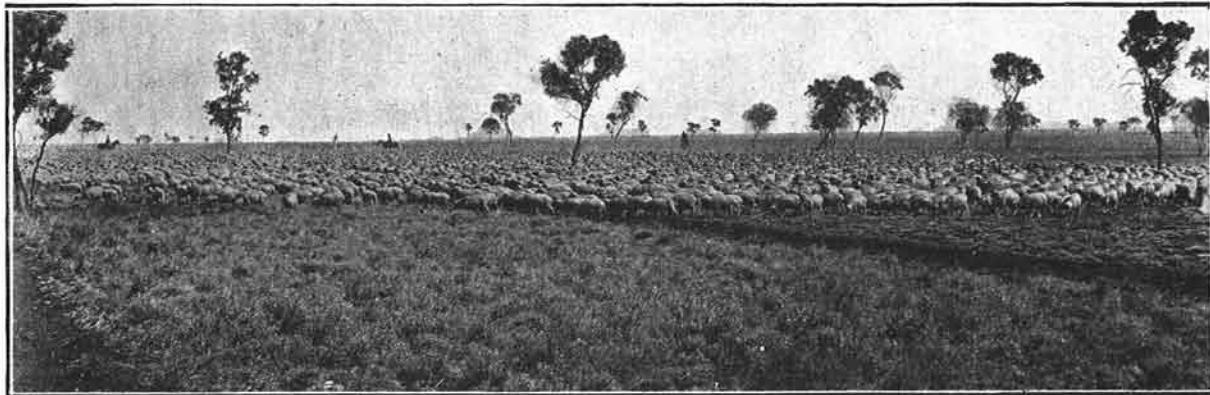


GENERAL VIEW OF "SUSSEX PARK."

rider in point-to-point events, scoring with equal success in hunting events at the Royal Show, Sydney. As one of the leading sporting men in Northern Queensland he owns several racehorses which have frequently carried his colours (scarlet jacket and black cap) to victory. His hearty co-operation in all movements of general interest and his public-spirited efforts on behalf of Hughenden and its community have achieved for him a well-merited popularity. Mr. James Henry Harrop was born at Esk on December 30, 1885, and is the youngest son of Mr. James Harrop. He received his education at the State School,

the Bush, and accepted a post with a droving party in charge of a mob of cattle despatched from "Milgarra," near Normanton, Northern Queensland, en route to the Bundaberg district. Subsequently he travelled to the Mother State and entered upon the duties of a general stockman on "Tenterfield" Station, his work being chiefly in the equine department, which occupied his energies both at the station and in connection with the many competitive events in which the "Tenterfield" horses have so frequently secured laurels and added to the fame of this well-known property as an important horse-breeding centre.

member of the Second Light Horse Regiment. He enlisted for active service in 1916, when the need of the Motherland was most urgent, and in May of the following year embarked on the "Boorara," serving in Egypt and Palestine and participating in the operations conducted at Gaza, Jericho, Es Salt, and Amman, being wounded at Gaza on November 8, 1917. He returned to Australia in August, 1919, following upon the signing of the Armistice. Mr. J. H. Harrop is a member of the Hughenden Pastoral and Agricultural Society, and lends his support to all progressive movements that have as their object the interests of



SHEEP AND COUNTRY "SUSSEX PARK."

Kelvin Grove, concluding his studies after the completion of his fourteenth year, when, like his brother, he became an employé of the firm of Messrs. R. W. Thurlow & Co.,

For a considerable time he was engaged in horse-breaking, eventually proceeding to Hughenden, where he arrived in the year 1911. Here he joined his brother George

the community, and evinces his love of the national sport in his membership of the Hughenden Jockey Club and the North-west Amateur Racing Club.