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NEWSLETTER

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COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA

'SNOWY RIVER MAIL'

Wednesday evening, June 21, 1933

BANKS KEEP PACE WITH TIMES

Premises used as a branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd. At Orbost are soon to be reconstructed from the plans of Messrs Carleton and Carleton, architects, of 483 Collins street, Melbourne.

The existing building, a timber structure, was built in 1890, but owing to the rapid development of the district became inadequate for the expanding business of the bank.

Portions of it will accordingly be demolished, and a new banking chamber and manager's room of improved design erected in brick up to a good height.

The new additions will be fitted throughout with office equipment of a high standard.



'SNOWY RIVER MAIL'

Wednesday evening, August 23, 1933

Tenders have been accepted for extensive additions and improvements to the Orbost branch of the Commercial Bank, and work will be commenced forthwith. The name of the successful tenderer has not yet been divulged, but we understand that a Melbourne contractor will carry out the work. While building operations are in progress the banking business will be carried on in the building hitherto occupied by the Bank of New South Wales.



COMMONWEALTH BANK, MELBOURNE

'SNOWY RIVER MAIL'

Thursday, June 29, 1922

YOUNG'S CREEK GRANITE

Chosen for Commonwealth Bank

Croajingolong is fortunate in the possession of unlimited quantities of granite. During the last two or three years a little has been turned to profitable and the value of the local article is now becoming recognised throughout the State.

At Young's Creek, about 2 miles from Orbost and about 300 yards from the Prince's Highway, there is a great quantity of dark grey granite. Out of a large number of samples of granite from various parts of the State sent to Melbourne for selection the Orbost stone was finally chosen for the new Commonwealth Bank at Melbourne, which is now in course of construction. Ten thousand cubic feet of this granite are to be supplied.

Arrangements are almost completed for getting the granite out and a very fine plant, comprising boiler, air compressor, etc., is being set up. Quarrying operations will commence next month.

The granite under notice is in every way suitable for monumental as well as building purposes. It takes a very fine polish, and Mr W. Bird, junr., of Bairnsdale, has used it for soldier memorials that have been erected by him in North, South and Central Gippsland.

'SNOWY RIVER MAIL'

Wednesday evening, May 28, 1924

Orbost Granite. - The new Commonwealth Bank in Collins street, Melbourne, was officially opened on Monday. Orbost granite has been used in the base of the building. Local residents who have not given much consideration to our granite quarry should note the beautiful effect obtained by its use in one of our most important modern city buildings.