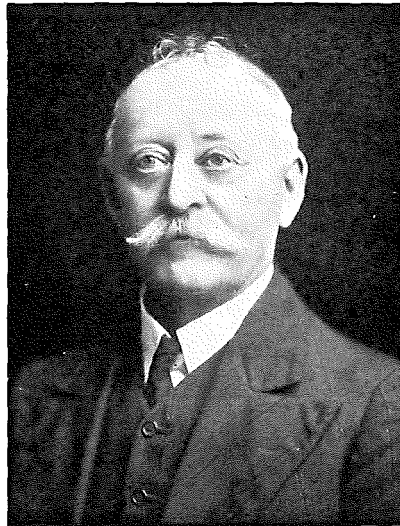


of his interests and retired from the directorate. He devotes his spare time to farming interests in the neighbourhood of Kellerberrin, where he owns a property of considerably over a thousand acres, which is devoted chiefly to the growing of cereals. His picturesque residence is situated on the river bank at Riverside Road and commands one of the most beautiful views in the district, and here he finds recreation in tending the beautiful blooms which adorn in their season the well-kept flowerbeds and shed their delicious perfume on the air.

**RICHARD STANLEY CUMPSTON**, proprietor of the City Electric Engraving Works, Hay Street, Perth, is a son of Mr. L. P. Cumpston, of this city, and was born at Liverpool, England, on February 23, 1873. He came to Australia with his parents when twelve years of age and attended the Echuca Grammar School, Victoria, for several years. In 1890 he entered the office of a lithographic artist, and subsequently became articled to Mr. C. G. Roeszler, the proprietor of the leading engraving works in Melbourne. He came to Western Australia in 1897 and joined Mr. Robert Manning in partnership in the Commercial Agency Company, but eventually relinquishing this

connection proceeded to the gold-fields as representative for the Brownhill Great Southern, the Railway Venture, and the Britannia Mining Companies. He also took a personal part in prospecting for a hundred miles around Kalgoorlie



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with more or less success, and in conjunction with Mr. H. M. Deakin took part in the opening up of the Collie Coal Mines. This enterprise, begun with a staff of seven hands, increased to such an extent that at

the time of Mr. Cumpston's departure there were over 300 men at work in the mines, and this Company supplied the Government with the first 360,000 tons of coal ever mined in this State. For a time Mr. Cumpston carried on business at Kalgoorlie as auctioneer and produce merchant, but eventually returning to Perth he established his present concern, the City Electric Engraving Works, and has conducted it successfully ever since. The business comprises a great variety of operations and turns out excellent work in brass-plates, stencils, brass, steel, and rubber stamps, medals, memorial brasses, raised-letter plates, wood and metal type blocks, stock brands, and many other articles in continual demand in professional, commercial, and pastoral circles. Mr. Cumpston has taken a leading part in the advancement of the various districts where he has resided, and was a member of the Hospital Board at Collie and Trustee of the same institution. He gave great assistance to the municipal authorities at Kalgoorlie, showing keen interest in the various details of their work for the district. He is also a member of the Commercial Travellers' Club, and

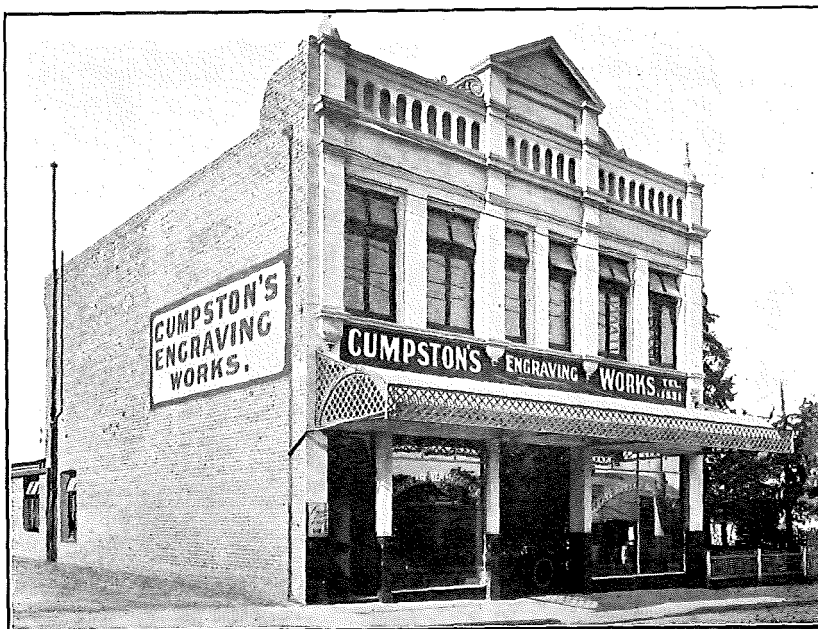


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MR. R. S. CUMPSTON'S ENGRAVING WORKS, HAY STREET, PERTH.



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for recreation resorts to boating on the River Swan. In the year 1911 he was married to Ella, daughter of Mr. James Gibney, printer, of Western Australia.