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**Bro. CAPTAIN JOHN FITZMAURICE
and
ABBOTSHOLME COLLEGE at KILLARA**

Bro. John Fitzmaurice, an Englishman related to the Marquis of Landsdowne, was educated for a life in the British Army. He entered the army as a subaltern and saw action in the South African War.

He came to Australia with the rank of Captain in 1901 and a few years later founded the Abbotsholme College for boys at Killara.

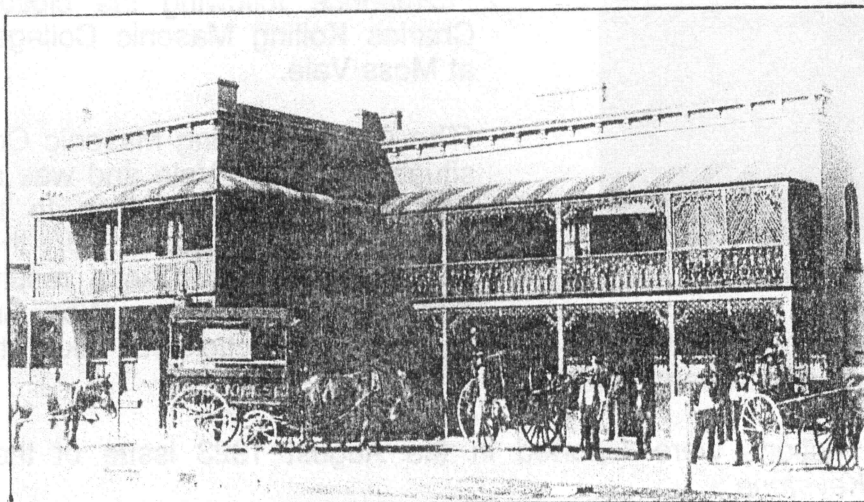
Bro. John Fitzmaurice was initiated into Freemasonry in The Unity Lodge of Sydney No. 32, on 16 July 1906.

He became a foundation member of The Millions Lodge No. 476 at its consecration in Sydney on 13 April 1923.

Abbotsholme College was situated on Lane Cove Road (now the Pacific Highway) on both sides of Greengate Road with the original school building on the southern corner of Greengate Road, being firstly leased and then purchased.

The original owner of this property was a widow, Mrs Matilda Fish, who had 80 acres from which she sold 10 acres to Mrs Ann Hordern, wife of the storekeeper, Anthony Hordern. She built a 'holiday cottage' on the site.

In 1853, this property was sold to Thomas Waterhouse, licensee of the Greengate Hotel who built a substantial home on the property.



The Greengate Hotel in 1880 when owned by Thomas Waterhouse.

