

ARTHUR JAMES DRYSDALE

A. J. Drysdale (1887-1971) was a business man - first as a travelling butcher, then he built up a motor car business with a Ford car agency (sold in 1932). He bought Wrest Point in 1935 and built a luxury hotel, where he had planned a casino, and sold it in 1947. In 1954 he began the Tasmanian Lotteries, noted for their large prizes, which once included Hadley's Hotel, Hobart.

Drysdale had polio when young and also suffered from failing sight. His daughter, Norah Bates, and son-in-law assisted with the business and (1971) held the business records.

- 1 Lottery promotion leaflet, Olympic special ND [? 1960-64]
- 2 Photograph of A.J. Drysdale, signed.
(Beattie)
- 3 Photograph of Hadley's Hotel ND [c 1954-60]
(Ben. A. Sheppard)
- 4 'The origin of the Drysdales of Dollar'
(typed note)
- 5 Obituary notice, Mercury 1971
- 6 Note of interview with daughter, Mrs Bates, by archivist,
M. Littlejohn, 1971