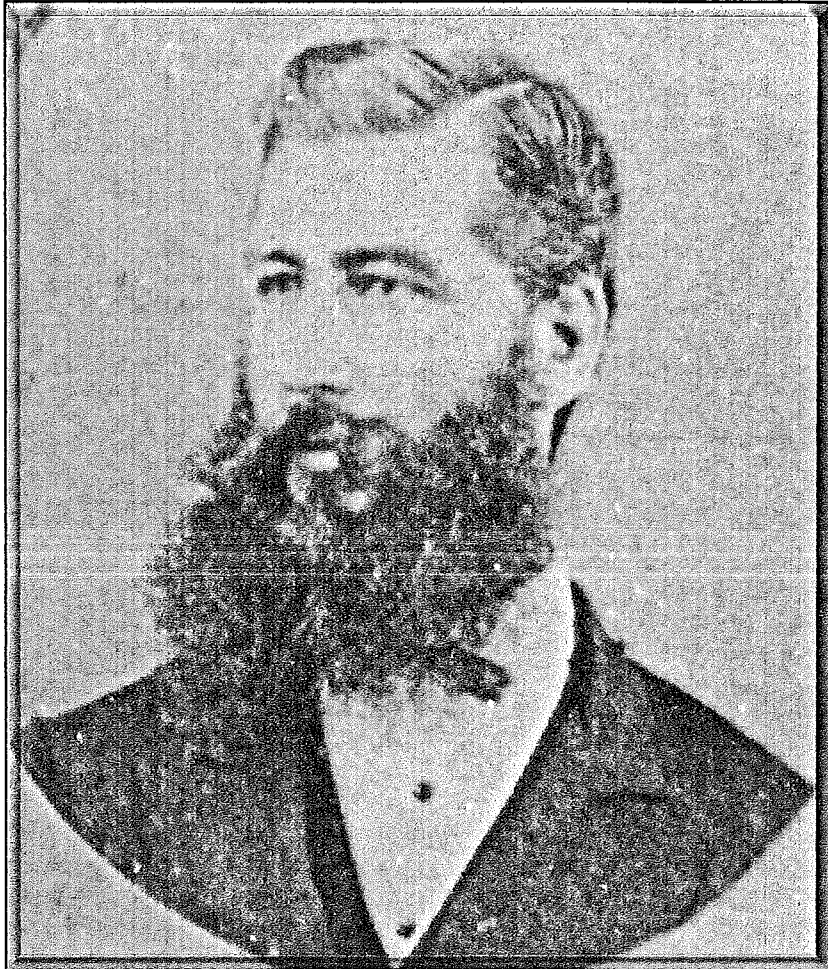


CAPTAIN HENRY RICHARD HANCOCK



Moonta's most famous mine captain, Henry Richard Hancock was appointed superintendant of the Moonta Mining Company in 1864 at the age of twenty-eight. For the next thirty-four years he ran what were then the richest mines in Australia, keeping them in profit despite fluctuating copper prices, strikes, and the demands of greedy shareholders. In 1898 he was succeeded by his son Henry Lipson Hancock who ran the mine until 30th June 1922