



Figure 9.1. Postcard of 8-Hour Day procession, October 1906. Padley's furniture shop can be seen at centre right. The photo was taken from a balcony of the Grand Central Hotel. *Lithgow & District Family History Society*.



Figure 9.4. A comparison of this photo with the postcard photo of Figure 9.1 shows the Rose Draper building at right in both. Padley's timber-made store has been replaced by the two-storey brick structure to the left of the Rose building.

**Padley's Furniture Arcade.**  
 (Recently Removed to Our Own New Premises),  
 OPPOSITE WEST'S HOTEL,  
**LITHGOW.**  
 Complete House Furnishers, Kitchen Iron-mongers, Crockery, Glassware, and Fancy Goods Salesmen.  
 CHEAPEST HOUSE IN TOWN for New and Second-hand Furniture Supplies. Liberal Discount for CASH, or Easy Payments taken. Railway Freight Paid on Cash Country Orders. Second-hand Furniture Bought or Taken in Exchange—or Sold on Commission. Fair Dealing Buyers and Sellers of all kinds of Job Lines.  
 Our Spacious and Central Rooms and Yards To Let for Auction Sales. Rents Collected and Properties Managed.  
**J. PADLEY & CO.**  
 LITHGOW.

Figure 9.2. Announcement of "our own new premises" by J. Padley & Co. *Lithgow Mercury*, 18 Aug 1905, p5 c4, Trove#218746999.

RIGHT: Figure 9.3. This enlargement of another postcard photo taken earlier on the day, shows Padley's store next to Rose's Draper building which still exists.  
*Eva Freeman's Padley Collection.*

## Chapter 9. Padley & Co.'s own new premises

At the end of July 1905 an advertisement heralded the fact that J. Padley & Co. had moved into "our own new premises opposite West's Hotel". This advertisement ran once a week for six months until January 1906.

West's Hotel was at that time also called the Cosmopolitan and later became the Exchange Hotel, the building of which still exists, housing The Old Exchange restaurant and Barratt & Smith Pathology. Padley's shop was at 64 Main Street, now Ezsence Hair & Beauty Salon.

See Figures 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3.



W. Tombleson bought the property in 1938 from T. N. Upton. On it were "a wood billiard saloon" and "weatherboard shed". They were demolished in 1939 and a two-storey brick building put up. (The land was 75ft by 44ft — Padley's land was a similar size.) This was removed about the 1950s and the block was empty until the present shop was erected in the 1980s.<sup>1</sup> See Figure 9.4.

Somehow James found time for another organisation which shows he must have continued his photographic interest. —

### AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB FORMED IN LITHGOW.

A meeting for the purpose of forming an amateur photographic club in Lithgow was held at Mr. W. A. Isley's on Tuesday night. Although the meeting was not a large one, the members present were very enthusiastic. Mr. J. Padley was voted to the chair and explained the object of the meeting. He thought if the club were formed it would be the means of bringing amateur photographers together for the exchange of ideas and also help to show in various ways what experiments were being carried out.<sup>2</sup>

See Figure 9.5.

In August, Hannah Padley was farewelled as she left Lithgow to take up "mission work" in Sydney. See Figure 9.8.

Just before Christmas, Padley's ran two classified advertisements aimed at golfers and cricketers. See Figure 9.6.

Each year the *Mercury* ran a special Christmas editorial section with paragraphs about various businesses. For Padley's —

### PADLEY AND CO.'S FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

The above name has practically become a household word in Lithgow and district. No doubt this is a result of the many households which have been made comfortable, and even beautiful, by the introduction of the firm's high-class furniture. Being caterers for that class of business only, the stocks carried are at once heavy and miscellaneous. The advent of Christmas has warranted the introduction of extra supplies, consisting of rare ornaments in china, Japanese, glassware, E.P. ware, photo frames, framed pictures, various grades in cutlery, and a host of lines suitable for beautifying the home. The firm does business for cash or on the easy payment system, and its aim is to maintain the goodwill of patrons.<sup>3</sup>

In November James was instrumental in getting a swimming club started in Lithgow. See Figure 9.7.

1905 finished with the new Lithgow Swimming Baths being opened by the Mayor on Wednesday 20 December. "Messrs. Dooley, Padley, and the Council Clerk superintended the various events".<sup>4</sup>

### LITHGOW AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB.

A meeting was held on the 14th November at Messrs. Isley and Browne's for the purpose of forming "The Lithgow District Amateur Photographic Club." The Club was formed with the following as officers:—Patron, Mr. G. H. Balkmore; president, Mr. W. Flower; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Atkinson and J. Padley; secretary, Rev. Fleming Bruce; treasurer, Mr. W. Isley; committee, Messrs. W. A. Beard, W. Annesley, H. Wilson, T. Morris, E. L. Ramsay, M. McKenzie, R. Sandford. Meetings are to be held the second Tuesday of each month, and the committee will prepare a syllabus for the ensuing half-year.

Figure 9.5. Photographic Club. *The Australasian Photographic Review*, 21 Dec 1905, p465, National Library of Australia Call No. 770.5 AUS.

TO GOLFERS.—We have been appointed Agents for large importer of best Golf Goods. We can supply material of best manufacturers or any make. New supply of Clubs, Balls, etc., to hand. PADLEY'S, opp. West's Hotel.

TO CRICKETERS.—Ours is the recognised House for Reliable Goods. No Rubbish Kept. Have just been appointed Agents for Large Importer Wisden's Cricket Material. New Stock just arrived. We understand your requirements. PADLEY'S, Opposite West's Hotel.

Figure 9.6. Sport supplies. *Lithgow Mercury*, 22 Dec 1905, p5 c3, Trove#218750832.