Report 4: McLeod Exploration

A casual preliminary report

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Cleaning

There are only two cases where the Date wasn't in a 'clean' format, shown below. These were left as is and not included in the analysis.

country	DATE	NOTES
New_Zeal	an 4 February 1890 [probably wrong date]	mentions divorce / possibly wrong date on Papers Past - see $2~\mathrm{April}~1890$
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Analysis

Papers

There are 154 seemingly distinct newspapers that have reported on the McLeod case. The following table lists them out, in decreasing order of frequency. I fixed some specific typos to aggregate duplicates (Wiapawa -> Waipawa, Coat -> Coast, added 'Advertiser' on 'The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General' that had it missing, Ballart -> Ballarat, etc). You can review these and ensure that there aren't more 'duplicates'.

	Var1	Freq
1	The Sydney Morning Herald	39

	Var1	Freq
2	The Australian Star	28
3	The Daily Telegraph	27
4	Evening News	22
5	Clarence and Richmond Examiner	21
6	New Zealand Herald	20
7	Evening Post	18
8	Hawke's Bay Herald	17
9	Evening Star	16
10	Northern Star	15
11	Observer	14
12	Southland Times	14
13	Otago Daily Times	13
14	The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser	13
15	New Zealand Times	12
16	Press	12
17	Wanganui Chronicle	12
18	New Zealand Mail	11
19	Otago Witness	11
20	The Mercury	11
21	The Telegraph	11
22	Lyttelton Times	10
23	Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate	10
$\frac{23}{24}$	Singleton Argus	10
25	South Canterbury Times	10
26	Barrier Miner	9
27	Marlborough Express	9
28	National Advocate	9
29	Poverty Bay Herald	9
30	Auckland Star	8
31	Australian Town and Country Journal	8
32	Daily Telegraph	8
$\frac{32}{33}$	Oamaru Mail	8
34	Star (Christchurch)	8
35	Temuka Leader	8
36	The Australasian	8
37	West Coast Times	8
38	Ashburton Guardian	7
39	Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser	7
40	North Otago Times	7
41	Thames Star	7
42	The Argus	7
43	The Ballarat Star	7
44	Wagga Wagga Advertiser	7
45	Darling Downs Gazette	6
46	Launceston Examiner	6
$40 \\ 47$	Leader	6
48	The Brisbane Courier	6
48 49	The Burrowa News	6
49 50	The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser	6
50 51	Weekly Times	6
51	Gisborne Standard and Cook County Gazette	5
$\frac{52}{53}$	Grey River Argus	5 5
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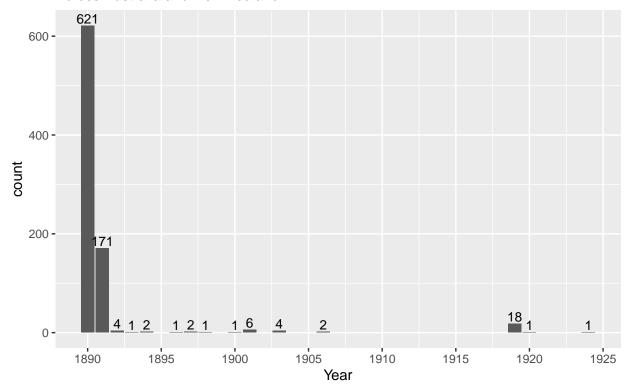
	Var1	Freq
54	Inangahua Times	5
55	Macleay Argus	5
56	Nelson Evening Mail	5
57	The Advertiser	5
58	The Age	5
59	The Daily Northern Argus	5
60	The Richmond River Herald and Northern Districts Advertiser	5
61	Timaru Herald	5
62	Waipawa Mail	5
63	Bathurst Free Press and Mining Journal	4
64	Bay of Plenty Times	4
65	Bendigo Advertiser	4
66	Geelong Advertiser	4
67	Mount Alexander Mail	4
68	Pahiatua Star and Eketahuna Advertiser	4
69	Pelorus Guardian and Miners' Advocate	4
70	South Australian Chronicle	4
71	Taranaki Herald	4
72	The Albury Banner and Wodonga Express	4
73	The Express and Telegraph	4
74	The Hay Standard and Advetiser for Balranald, Wentworth, Maude	4
75	The Tasmanian	4
76	The Week	4
77	Waikato Times	4
78	Wairarapa Daily Times	4
79	Woodville Examiner	4
80	Advocate	3
81	Cootamundra Herald	3
82	Dunstan Times	3
83	Fielding Star	3
84	Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette	3
85	Illawarra Mercury	3
86	Manawatu Herald	3
87	Seymour Express and Goulburn Valley, Avenel, Graytown, Nagambie, Tallarook and Yea	3
	Advertiser	
88	The Colonist	3
89	The Horsham Times	3
90	The North West Post	3
91	The Riverine Grazier	3
92	Wanganui Herald	3
93	Western Star	3
94	Adelaide Observer	2
95	Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser	2
96	Colonist	2
97	Dominion	2
98	Evening Journal	2
99	Goulburn Evening Penny Post	2
100	Goulburn Herald	2
101	Hamilton Spectator	2
102	Mackay Mercury	2
103	Morning Bulletin	2
104	Northern Advocate	2

	Var1	Freq
105	South Australian Register	2
106	Sun (Christchurch)	2
107	Table Talk	2
108	The Australian Advertiser	2
109	The Burrangong Argus	2
110	The Clarence River Advocate	2
111	The Daily News	2
112	The Inquirer and Commercial News	2
113	The Laura Standard	2
114	The West Australian	2
115	The Yass Courier	2
116	Victorian Express	2
117	Western Mail	2
118	Bowral Free Press and Berrima District Intelligencer	1
119	Camperdown Chronicle	1
120	Clutha Leader	1
121	Colac Herald	1
122	Crookwell Gazette	1
123	Dubbo dispatch and Wellington Independent	1
124	Ellesmere Guardian	1
125	Freeman's Journal	1
126	Glen Innes Examiner and General Advertiser	1
127	Illustrated Australian News	1
128	Lake County Press	1
129	Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser	1
130	Mataura Ensign	1
131	Mount Ida Chronicle	1
132	New South Wales Police Gazette and Weekly Record of Crime	1
133	Ovens and Murray Advertiser	1
134	Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser	1
135	Te Aroha News	1
136	Thames Advertiser	1
137	The Albany Observer	1
138	The Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser	1
139	The Cumberland Mercury	1
140	The Gundagai Times and Tumut, Adelong and Murrumbidgee District Advertiser	1
141	The Kiama Independent, and Shoalhaven Advertiser	1
142	The Manaro Mercury, and Cooma and Bombala Advertiser	1
143	The North Eastern Ensign	1
144	The Northern Mining Register	1
145	The Port Pirie Standard and Barrier Advertiser	1
146	The Queenslander	1
147	The Scone Advocate	1
148	The W.A. Record	1
149	Wagga Wagga Express	1
150	Warragul Guardian and Buln Buln and Narracan Shire Advocate	1
151	Warwick Examiner and Times	1
152	Western Herald	1
153	Western Star and Roma Advertiser	1
154	Windsor and Richmond Gazette	1

Counts

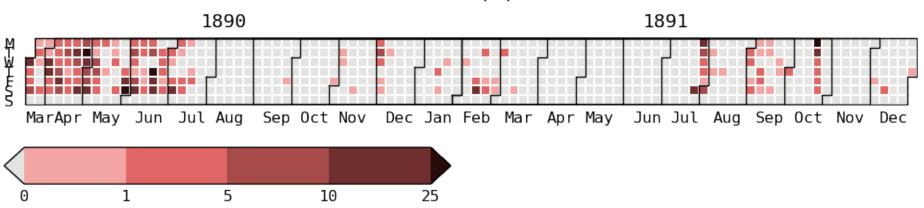
The following plot shows the count of articles per year. We easily see that the most is in 1890, with 621 counts, then 1891 with 171. Then there are years were only 1 or 2 articles appear, and a gap where there are none up until 1919 where there are 18.

Count of McLeod Case Mentions by Year Across Australia and New Zealand



Next we have a calendar graphic, showing the days on which the case was reported. Gray days have no cases, the lightest pink have 1, and the darkest cell have over 25. We see that the majority of cases from March to July 1890, then there is a cluster of mentions in the months of November 1890 to March 1891, then some clusters in August 1891-October 1891.

All Newspapers



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The top 10 days with the highest number of mentions are shown in the following table.

	Var1	Freq
1	1890-04-29	43
2	1890-05-31	42
3	1890-06-19	35
4	1891-10-19	31
5	1890-04-26	25
6	1890-04-03	24
7	1890-05-30	23
8	1890-06-07	20
9	1891-07-27	19
10	1890-04-02	18

Next work

- checking tone
- checking offense
- checking country