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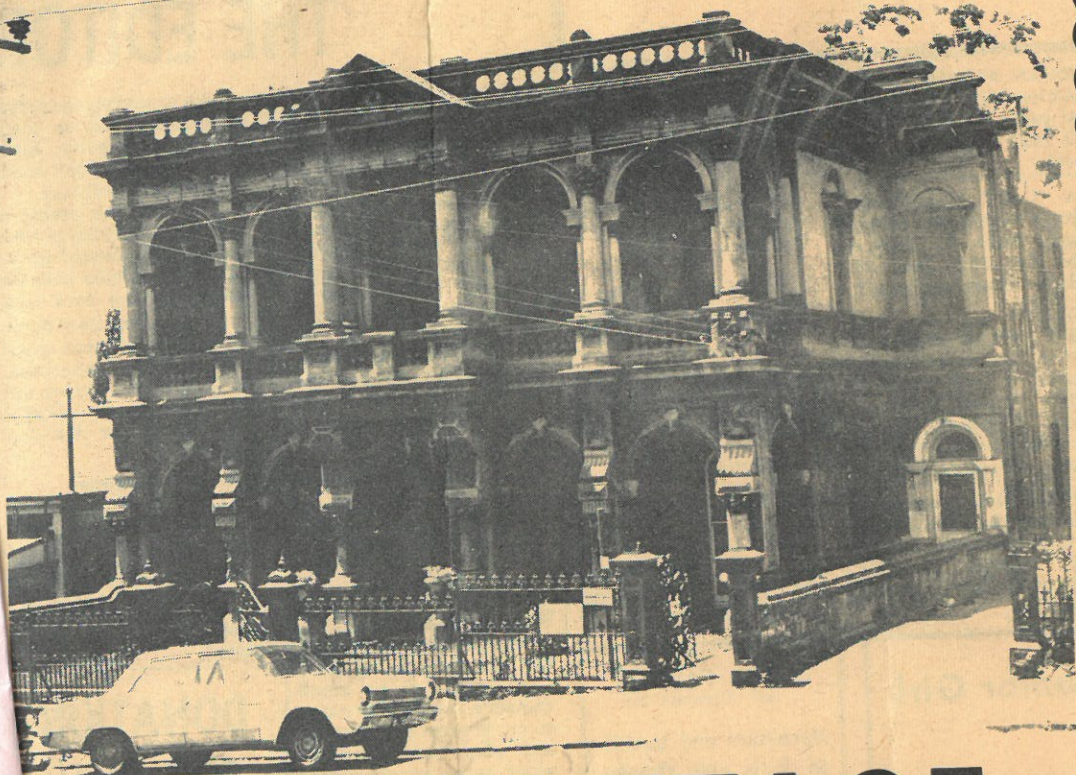
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Lalor House

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OUR HERITAGE- LALOR HOUSE

LALOR House, 293 Church St, Richmond, was home for Peter Lalor of Eureka Stockade fame.

The home has been classified 'C' by the National Trust of Australia, Victoria Branch.

It is an imposing basalt stone house on Richmond Hill, and it is complete with columns and embellishments.

The house stands today as it was when first built - a dark grey edifice, with an aura of past glory.

Inside is the wide hall, archways and high ceilings of houses of that day. There is also

height of the gold rush.

Lalor worked on the Melbourne - Geelong railway line before leaving for the Ovens district diggings and then going to Ballarat.

Corrupt officials, harsh licence fees and a parliament with a restricted membership, brought trouble to the goldfields where Lalor had been elected commander in chief of the mines.

When the stockade was stormed by the mi-

Grant until 1871. Re-elected in 1875, Lalor represented South Grant until his death in 1889.

While in Parliament, he served as Postmaster-General, Commissioner of Trade and Customs and Speaker of the Assembly.

Lalor was an advocate of the rights of the people, moderate in views and not afraid to speak for himself.

At Eureka he symbolised the Australian

refusal to be 'pushed around.'

Lalor's grave, in the Melbourne General Cemetery, has also been classified by the National Trust as an 'object of interest'.