

RAILWAY

The rail connection from Melbourne to Echuca was opened in September 1864. This allowed goods transported to the Echuca wharf via the river steamers, primarily wool, to be more easily transported to Melbourne.



Above: ECHUCA RAILWAY STATION

and particularly from the forests at Barmah, Koondrook and around Tocumwal. But even this work was finally ousted by motor transport as the timber trucks could get into deep into the forests and operate for most of the year. Two of the last of the paddle steamers to cease working (around 1955) were the *Adelaide* and the *Edwards*.

Right: IRON BRIDGE OVER MURRAY RIVER

