



## **George Bertrand Edwards** (1855-1911)

**Member for South Sydney (New South Wales) 1901-1906**

**Member for North Sydney (New South Wales) 1910-1911**

**G**eorge Edwards was born and educated in Hobart, Tasmania, where he was editor of the *Tasmanian Mail*. In 1890 he was manager of the Peacock Jam factory in Melbourne.

Edwards was elected to represent the electorate of South Sydney in the House of Representatives in 1901 as a Freetrader. He retired from Parliament in 1906 owing to ill health and to look after his business interests. In 1910 he was elected as the member for North Sydney for the Liberal Party, and died in office in February 1911.

During the first Parliament Edwards campaigned for the introduction of a decimal system of coinage and measurement for Australia, and was successful in having a favourable resolution on this matter passed in both houses. He was Chairman of the Select Committee on Coinage.

The electorate of South Sydney was named after its locality. The settlement of Sydney was named after Lord Sydney.