

## HOW'S THIS FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING!



Victorian Minister of Agriculture, Mr Ian Smith, was guest of honor at the Mountain District Cattlemen's Association's annual mountain meeting last weekend.

He is pictured above with Mr Jim Treasure, Sale, who "indoctrinated" him into the ways of mountain men before the gathering of more than 300 people — at Bennies, on the Rose River, midway between Mt Buffalo and Mt Buller.

Graziers from Benalla, Wangaratta, Myrtleford, Whitfield, Ensay, Omeo, Bairnsdale and Mansfield were at the event.

The Land Conservation Council is currently studying the Bogong and Hotham Plains area, and is expected to make proposals on cattle grazing the high country.

These are not expected before next year, although it will make recommendations on the North Eastern study area towards the end of this year.