SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT. In the Legislative Council to-day, the principal business will be the initiation of the debate on the second reading of the Australasian Federation Enabling the Australian Federation Entering Bill. This will be preceded by the introduction of an Electric Lighting Bill, and the third reading of the Diseases in Plants Bill. In the Legislative Assembly the business includes the third reading of the Bills of Sale Act Amend-ment Bill, consideration in Committee of the desirableness of introducing a bill

REAR-ADMIRAL BRIDGE ON QUEENSLAND.

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On the return of the squadron to Sydney, Rear-Admiral Bridge was interviewed by a representative of the "S. D. Telegraph." Referring to his visit generally, he said that he had been tremendously impressed with the resources of Queensland. During the space of a few weeks he saw a great gold-producing district, a great cattle-producing district, a great agricultural district, and a great speed country—all these important industries he saw, not to mention the great spearl fisheries of Thursday Island, all within one colony. Another thing with which he had been very much struck was this: He had now been inside the Great Barrier Reef eight times, and he could not understand why that part of the coast was not largely availed of for yachting trips. Everything was favourable for such purposes: smooth water, fine weather is the proper sea son, and most beautiful scenery. The mention of the Great Barrier Reef reminded him of another matter. He had been greatly impressed with the magnificent manner in which Queensland had provided lights and beacons along her coast. The const-line, which measured 1200 miles or more, was simply studded with light vessels, buoys, and beacons. And all this had been done by a handful of people: not done solely for the good of the colony, but for the benefit of the whole of the navigating public. It was most commendable, and one of the greatest achievements of the kind that existed. If Queensland, by a convulsion of nature, was exterminated to-morrow, the recollection of having accomplished such a work would entitle her to the gratitude of the world. However, in speaking of these things, and of the developed resources of Queensland, one veloped resources of Queensland, one veloped resources of Gueensland, one veloped resources of course, resembled those in other colonies of Australia—that Australia had been developed by practical men. These matters from this point of view appealed strongly to him, belonging, as he did, to what was, or practical men. These matters from this point of view appealed strongly to him, pelonging, as he did, to what was, or what used to be regarded as, a practical profession. They heard a good deal in these days about science, but he often wondered where scientific men were when gold was taken out of the earth, when cattle lands were taken up, and boundaries of sheepwalks laid, and when pearl fisheries were started. Therefore, he looked upon it that there should be a sympathetic feeling between Australians and ffleers and men of the Navy, for in both cases—that was in the case of Australia's natural resources and in the case of the Navy, the present perfection had been brought about by practical men, and by no others.

There passed away on Saturday last, at the ripe age of 37 years, an old colonist in the person of Mr. Denis Moynthan, of Breakfast Creek. Born in 1799, he was 16 years old when the Battle of Waterloo was fought, and often referred to the commotion with which the news was received in Killarney, his native town. He was thirty-three years ranger under Lord Castlerosse, and during the whole of that time resided at the Queen's Cottage, Derrycunnihy, at the head of the Lakes of Killarney. So well did the late Bishop O'Quinn remember his visit to Killarney, that when Mr. Moynihan arrived in the colony his Lordship called on him at his late residence, near the Racecourse, and the two remained on intimate terms up to the time of his Lordship's death. Mr. Moynihan, with a family of five sons and five daughters, arrived in the colony by the Royal Dane in 1889, and soon after bought a small place from Mr. MacDevitt, one time Attorney-General of Queensland, where he resided up to the time of his death. Since the death of his wife, nearly three years ago, the old gentleman has been bedridden; but otherwise he has retained the full possession of his faculties. With the exception of one son, who died in 1881, the remainder of his sons and daughters, including forty-five grand-children, and one great grandchild, are settled in different parts of the count. ere passed away on Saturday last,

settled in different parts of the colony.

In another column will be found the prospectus of the "Credo" Gold Mining Company, which is being formed with a capital of £95,000, in shares of £1 each, of which the vendors are taking 35,000 fully paid-up, to acquire certain gold mining leases situated about four miles from Broad Arrow, West Australia. Special attention is directed to the reports of Messrs. Robert Gibson, M.E., Dr. Chewings, and J. Robertson, which are appended to the prospectus, all the gentlemen named being unanimous in their opinion of the great value of the property. A telegram received from the property. A telegram received from the manager since these reports were writ-ten says:—"Struck rich gold yesterday, No. 2 shaft; solid reef, 3ft, thick." Further information will be found in our

The Merton Lawn Tennis Club journeyed to the West End on Saturday to play Mr. J. K. Duncan's Club. The match was played on the latter's court at Keithwood, and a very enjoyable and close game resulted, Mr. Duncan's club winning by 20 to 17. The games were as follows:—J. Mulcahy and B. Toohey won from Mr. Duncan and E. Pike 6—5, but lost to J. O'Flynn and J. Eddison 2—6; G. H. Bargent and L. B. Maries won from Mr. Duncan and E. Pike 6—3, but lost to J. O'Flynn and J. Eddison 3—6. Totals, 17 to 20.

Mr. Allan Hamilton writes to inform us that the Brough Comedy Company which makes nearly £450,000 worth or deered this year.

Mr. Alian Hamilton writes to inform us that the Brough Comedy Company will open at the Opera House on Friday, th September, in the "Idler." On Saturday, the 5th, they will revive "Niobe," and on Monday, the 7th, they will produce "Mother of Three." The latter, one of the latest Londorf farcical comedies, by Clo Graves, will be staged for the first time in Australia.

The body of Victor Dheunenes, the sailor who fell overboard from the barque Loch Fleet some few days ago, and was drowned, was found floating in the river, under the Victoria Bridge, yesterday. The body was taken charge of by the police, and conveyed to the hospital morgue.

Recent advices from San Francisco state that the Very Rev. Prior Vaughan, C.S.G., and brother of the Cardinal-Archbishop of Westminster, was lying seriously ill at that port, and that he was not expected to recover. The Very Rev. Prior, who is in his fifty-fifth year, has been suffering from diabetes for some time past. It will be remembered that the Prior visited Queensland about twelve months ago.

The usual weekly meeting of the Brisbane Debating Society was held last evening at Eagle Chambers, a large number of members being present. The "Colonial Treasurer's" motion providing for the issue of State notes as a cir-culating medium provoked considerable ion, and was eventually carried

Messra. A. Pixley and Co., Brisbane, have been appointed agents for the well-known Gaelic brand of whisky. This whisky has been shipped to the colonies for some years by the Stirling Bonding Company, Limited, Scotland, and has always maintained its reputation.

First Show of New Spring Goods in all departments at Finney. Isles, and See Axon's, Courier Building, for Co.'s is now on.

CABLE MESSAGES

(From Our London Correspondent.) GOLD IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

LONDON, August 17. Reports have been received of rich crushings on the Kootenny Goldfield, in British Columbia. The news has to repeal and alter certain duties of it is expected that there will be a big rush to the field.

SUNSTROKE IN NEW YORK.

LONDON, August 17. The phenomenal heat in America still continues, causing terrible mortality, 651 deaths from sunstroke having been reported in New York last week.

SPANISH CLAIMS AGAINST AMERICA.

LONDON, August 17. The Spanish Government are stated to be preparing a claim against the United States on account of the filibustering expeditions that have been despatched to Cuba from various American ports. The amount of compensation to be claimed is stated to reach a very large total.

THE NILE EXPEDITION.

LONDON, August 17. Owing to the continued rise in the River Nile the gunboats intended to support the Anglo-Egyptian expedition, which is advancing on Dongola, have been able to pass the Second Camraci at Wady Halfa, and no further difficulty is now anticipated in the progress of the vessels up the river.

THE MATABELE WAR.

LONDON, August 17. Latest news from Matabeleland states that the column, under the command of Captain Thomasi, which built a fort at the Gwai River, has success fully resisted several attacks by the native rebels, three Matabels lupis having been repulsed.

NATIVE WAGES ON THE RAND. LONDON, August 17. It is reported from South Africa that the wages paid to the native labourers employed in the mines on the Rand have been reduced by one-half.

PROTECTION OF CRETAN CHRISTIANS.

LONDON, August 17. The "Times" states that the French and Russian Governments have decided to take joint measures for the protection of the Christians in Crete.

LATEST SILVER QUOTATION. LONDON, August 17.

The quotation for bar silver has further declined to 2s. 6%d. per onnes.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, AUGUST 17.

A SOLICITOR SUSPENDED. A SOLICITOR SUSPENDED.

Edward Flood, a solicitor practising at
Dimboola, was suspended from practice
to-day for a term of twelve months for
neglecting to hand over moneys belonging to a client.

SENSATIONAL BURNING
ACCIDENT.
The wife of John Jones, an enginedriver, was severely burned to-day, and
the woman soon afterwards gave birth
to a child, but both mother and child
are expected to live. A singular fact
in connection with the incident is that
Jones has lost two daughters, who were
burned to death, during the past two
years.

SERIOUS SHOOTING ACCIDENT A serious shooting accident occur at Pyramid H ll this morning, when H. Marfleet was accidentally shot by young son, several pellets penetrat his lungs.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PERTH. AUGUST 17.

THE CITY WATERWORKS.
The Government have purchased the
City Waterworks from the Perth Water

THE MUNICIPAL STAFF.

THE NEWEST THING.

Have you seen the new line of Spring Suitings and Trouserings at the Woollen Company's, 55 Queen-street? Guaranteed all pure wool. New patterns. Suits, bos., 62s., &c.: Trousers, 16s., 20s., &c. Don't give your spring order till you have seen them.—(Advt.)

"IT STRUCK HIM."

During the Exhibition holidays an illustrous visitor says that what struck him most forcibly, in the face of recent bad times, were the well-dressed, happy crowds he saw everywhere. It was explained to him that the majority having bought their clothes from Chas. Gilbert, the leading tailor, could not be otherwise than well dressed, whilst the consciousness of having spent their scores to the best advantage made them consciousness of having spent their money to the best advantage made them happy.

The latest thing in glass is a factory in Liverpool, England, built of glass bricks, with chimney, floors, and shingles of the same material.

Do not miss this opportunity of securing Enormous Bargains and Genuine Sacrifices during our great Liquidation Bale of thousands of necessary, useful, and pretty novetites in up-to-date goods, from all parts of the world, just unpacked. Truly the greatest possible collection of magnificent goods in our line in the colonies. Must be cleared. Description is impossible, and prices no object. Inspection is respectfully invited to our enormous Stock in liquidation, wholesale and retail. Berliner and Co., 74 Queen-street, and Grand Arcade, Brishane.* Do not miss this opportunity of secur-ng Enormous Bargains and Genuine

COLONIAL INTERESTS!

(By Cable Message.)

FRENCH RECEPTION OF THE CZAR.

THE CONTINENT.

LONDON, August 16. Great preparations are being made in Paris in connection with the reception caused great excitement in Canada, and of the Czar of Russia during his week's stay in the French capital in October. The Russian and French fleets will on the obasion of the Czar's visit to France be reviewed at Cherbourg.

LONDON, August 17. The preparations for the reception of the Czar in France are to be of a most elaborate character, the French Government having made provision for the expenditure of 12,000,000 france (£480,000) in giving a suitable welcome

THE BALTIC CANAL.

LONDON, August 17. Thirty-nine German men-of-war among them being the largest froncia in the German navy, have passed safely through the Kaiser Withelm Canal, which connects the North Sea with the Baltic, and which was formally opened by the German Emperor in June last year. The passage of the warships through the causi was accomplished i fifteen hours.

RESIGNATION OF THE PRUSSIAN WAR MINISTER.

LONDON, August 17. General Brousart von Schellendorf the Prussian Minister for War, has resigned office on account of the friction that has taken place between himself and the military Cabinet of the German Emperor. His resignation was at once accepted, and General Gossler was appointed to the vacant position.

QUEENSLAND.

(By Telegraph from our Correspondents.)

TOOWOOMBA, August 17.

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Further refreshing showers fell during
this afternoon, and the rain has been
fairly general over the district.

TOWNSVILLE, August 17.
About 3.30 yesterday morning a fire
broke out in the Newmarket stables,
doing a great deal of damage. None of
the horses were injured, but thirteen
vehicles were destroyed. The Newmarket stables and shops were insured
in the New Zealand insurance Company, but the contents were not
covered.

overed.
The Customs collections at this por for the first fifteen days of the month show a decrease of £32 18s. 6d., compared with the corresponding period of las year.
The Criminal Sittings of the Northern Supreme Court began this morning at 10

o'clock.
The ordination of the Revs. F. G. Williams and E. L. Tunewell to the order of priests, and of Messrs, G. D. Hilder and J. W. Ward to the order of deacons, took place in the Cathedral yesterday morn-

Mr. James Macintosh was presented Mr. James Macintosh was presented this afternoon with an illuminated address by the staff of Messrs. Aplin. Brown, and Co., in which company's service he has been manager for about fourteen years. The address was acompanied by a handsome souvenir. Mr. Macintosh leaves on a trip to the South in about a fortnight's time.

The weather is cold and dry.

CAIRNS, August 17.

Mr. C. Tynan, Under Secretary for

Mr. C. Tynan, Under Secretary for Education in Victoria, who was travel-ling for health, arrived by the Wodonga from the North on Saturday, and died here last night.

The weather is fine, but rain is badly wanted, as the water supply is getting

very low.

COOKTOWN, August 17.

The steamer Albatross arrived from Thutsday Island this morning. She leaves again on Wednesday, and will tow the lightship, which has been here for some time undergoing repairs, to the Proudfoot Shoal. At Proudfoot she will take in tow the lightship now stationed there, and take the vessel to Thursday Lisland for repairs.

WINTON, August 17.

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WINTON, August 17.
There passed yesterday 14.709 wethers, off the shears, from Ayrshire Downs to Jimbour, the D.D. and W.L. Co. owners, Joseph Willett in charge.
The weather is fine and the nights cold.
A public meeting was held on Saturday night, when there was a large attendance. A resolution in favour of a radional content.

A resolution in favour of a rai way from Normanton to deep water way passed, and it was decided unanimously to present a petition to Parliament pray to present a petition to Parliament praying for the construction of the line. A
telegram was read at the meeting
from the Mayor of Normanton,
and the chairman of the divisional board, to the effect that
the council and the divisional board were
very desirous of co-operating with Croydon in the matter. A large number
signed the petition at the close of the
meeting.

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A cricket match was played yesterday between the civil service and banks and a team representing the town. The former went to the wickets first, and made 195 runs, F. Burne carrying his bat through the innings for 110, and making the highest individual score ever made at Croydon.

PIKE BROS. PIKE BROS.

For High-class Goods and sterling value this firm is unsurpassed. The choicest stock of Goods for gentlemen's wear to be seen in the colony. Talloring and Shirt-making specialities. Inspect Departments.—(Advt.)

REGULAR EYE-OPENERS! Are the prices at which Chas, Glibert, the leading tailor, has marked off his first shipment of new spring goods. Inspect and compare; the result will pay you.*

THE ADVANCEMENT OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

Since the arrival of Tosca in Queensland quite a new era of photography has begun. The public are now able to obtain the highest class work in Australazia at the lowest prices, Tosca being (without exception) the largest buyer of photographic material in the Southern Hemisphere, and commanding patronage unknown in any other studio in the colonies, a fact which is above dispute. Ask your friends, and the unanimous reply is: For high-class work there is only one photographer in Brisbane, "Tosca," who supplies one dozen highly finished Cabinets, with one beautifully permanent Opal Enlargement, for 15s. 67 Queenstreet.—(Advt.)

When you want best value in Furnishings of all descriptions, go to John
Hicks's, Complete House Furnisher,
George-street. Bedsteeds and Bedding
a speciality.—(Advt.)
Try Axon's, Courier Building, for
Bicycle Hose and Sweaters.—(Advt.)

(By Cable Message.)

SERIOUS COLLISION. LONDON, August 17. A collision took place in the Rivet Scheldt between the French steamer Quatreamis and the four-masted barque Cape York, 2030 tons, bound from Antwerp to Port Pirle, South Australia, with a cargo of general merchandise The Cape York had her howsprit broken, and was towed back 19 Antwerp for repairs. The Quatrennis was, however, much more seriously damaged by the collision, and had to be run ashore

A NEW COMPANY.

to prevent her foundering.

LONDON, August 16. The Kanowna Development Company. with a capital of £80,000, has been registered, and shares to the amount £40,000 are being issued.

MAILS AND SHIPPING.

LONDON, August 14. The Q.R.M.S. Duke of Westminster. from Brisbane 17th June, arrived at Plymouth to-day.

> NEW ZEALAND BANKING COMMITTEE.

THE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND. FURTHER EVIDENCE.

(By Telegraph from our Correspondent.)

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WELLINGTON, August 17.

Mr. Watson, president of the Bank of New Zealand, was examined before the Banking Committee of the House of Representatives to-day. He stated that his impression was that the directors of the bank in the past had acted honestly, and the general fall in values would account for the many losses sustained by the bank. The business of the bank, however, was now clean and good, and a sum of £171,000 was held as a contingency fund, which was regarded as sufficient. The proportion of bad and doubtful accounts was now comparatively email. Of the sum of £54,000 written off last year, £43,900 was on Australian accounts, but the Australian business of the bank was now being placed on a sound basis. The Fiji advances were comparatively small, and the English business was in a sound condition. The witness stated that he told Mr. Ward, the Colonial Treasurer, on his return from London in 1895, that it would take about one and a-half millions to clear up the Bank of New Zealand Estates Company, and that it would be necessary to sever that company from the bank, as otherwise the bank would never have the confidence of its creditors. He also told Mr. Ward that between the bank and the Estates Company there were over £2,000,000 to the bank under his management were still worth the full amount.

Mr. Ward, late Colonial Treasurer, is now being examined by the Banking Committee appointed by the Legislative Council. He was allowed to question Mr. Fisher, late manager of the Ward Farmers' Association, before the committee.

THE HODGKINSON GOLDFIELD.

MINING MATTERS IMPROVING. (By Telegraph from our Correspondent.)

MAREEBA, August 17.
There is every prospect of a revival
of mining on the Hodgkinson. Mr. Hall,
representing Sydney capitalists, has had representing Sydney capitalists, has had several properties put under offer, and there is every reason to believe that business will eventuate. Several other mines are under offer to men with plenty of capital behind them. The Hodgkinson has been hitherto much disrated, and the deep ground has never had a fair trial. A careful inspection of the field and its records proves it capable of great future possibilities, and of giving speculators a good chance for their money.

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Work is now being vigorously carried on at the Queen Constance mine, Mareeba. One company has started working deep ground, and another company just floated is about to start on the Clohesy. The Federation, Comet, and Mountain Maid mines at the Lower Clohesy give great promise of improving in size and richness of stone as the depth increases.

CHOICE SHIRTINGS AND SUITINGS.

Messrs. Pike Brothers notify they are now busy marking off new Spring and Summer Goods. Visitors to Exhibition will do well to call and inspect various departments, and have measures regis-tered for future use. Messrs. PIKE BROTHERS' Gentlemen's Emportum.—

STRAW HATS. STRAW HATS.

Best hand-sewn English Rustic Straw Hats, 2s. 6d., 4s. 6d., 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d.; hand-sewn Double-brim Straw Hats, 4s. 6d., 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d.; extra fine English Pedal Straw Hats, 7s. 6d. B. Mountessile and Sons, 101 Queen-street, Brisbane.—

Four young men named John M'Kay, James Simpson, Lawrence Prior, and Thomas Clark were charged at the City Police Court yesterday with the larceny of two bottles of wine from the Exhibition building last week. Mr. T. O'Shea appeared for Prior, and Mr. Price for defendant Clark. It appeared that, in consequence of a complaint, Detectives Shanahan and Seymour made a search for the four accused, and found them leaving the rear of a latrine in the grounds, where an empty wine bottle was found by Shanahan bearing Mr. Childs's brand. The other officer had in the meantime detailed the defendants, Childs's brand. The other officer had in the meantime detained the defendants, and on returning Shanahan picked up a full sample bottle of wine close to the feet of the defendant Clark. Mr. Childs subsequently gave them in charge. R. C. Purchase, assistant librarian at the Supreme Court, deposed to seeing the four defendants near Mr. Childs's wine trophy. He saw a hand seize a bottle but could not see the person it belonged to. Evidence of identification was given by Mr. Childs and his son. A defence was raised that sample bottles had been distributed during the day, but it was denied that any "baby bottles" or sample bottles had been given away. There were also absent from the trophy

There were also absent from the trophy the two bottles in question. Defendants were each fined £1, in default one month's imprisonment. month's imprisonment.

We read in the "World" that the Queen's special trains from Cherhourg to Nice and back cost about £4000, and her Majesty also had to pay for the specials from Boulogne to Nice and back, which conveyed the servants, horses, carriages, and heavy luggage. The average total cost to Privy Purse of the Queen's annual Continental trip is about £10,000.

GREAT BRITAIN.

(By Cable Message.)

SEAMEN AND FIREMEN'S MANIFESTO.

LONDON, August 16. Mr. J. H. Wilson, M.P., secretary to the National Sailors and Firemen's Union, has issued a manifesto on be half of the amalgamated union, in which the fixing of a minimum wage is demanded. The manifesto further states that the members of the union will refuse to unload at British and Continental ports ships employing free labourers. This is regarded as an effort to increase the number of unionists employed, and the employers are making preparations to resist the union

IRISH NATIONAL CONVENTION. LONDON, August 16.

The Parnellite section of the Home Rule party are protesting against the Irish National Convention to be held in Dublin in September, on the ground that it is of a factionist character, and they intend calling a convention themselves in October.

LI HUNG CHANG IN ENGLAND. LONDON, August 16. Li Hung Chang, the Chinese Viceroy, who is at present visiting Eugland, has had a long interview with Mr. Glad-

stone at Hawarden Castle. LONDON, August 17. Li Hung Chang states that it is the intention of the Chinese Government to construct a complete system of railways in China.

In his interview with Mr. Gladstone the Chinese Viceroy made some refer ence to Australia, and Mr. Gladstone in reply, informed him that the union between the British colonies and England was quite a voluntary one.

COSTA RICA PACKET CASE.

LONDON, August 16. Mr. G. N. Curzon, Parilamentary Sec-

A RECORD PERFORMANCE.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES OF THE DIVERS.

and a-haif to three knots an hour. The divers when working upon the deek of the wrecked steamer found that the swirl of the current was even more powerful there than at the surface, and they had several almost miraculous on one occasion was carried over the state of the wreck on to the floor of the occan, or to a depth of thirty fathoms.

His tugging upon the life-line soon told those in the salvage steamer that some they had gone wrong, and though he was below only a few minutes in this had gone wrong, and though he was below only a few minutes in the salvage steamer that some the salvage of the council. He said a cable meshall cable to the strain upon him that he self to the strain upon him that he self to the current, and the divers have been enabled to work to better advantage. They had previously blown open the thank containing the gold, and wrecked the current, and the divers have been enabled to work to better advantage. They had previously blown open the tank containing the gold, and wrecked the current, and the divers have been enabled to work to better advantage. They had previously blown open the tank containing the gold, and wrecked the current, and the divers have been enabled to work to better advantage. They had previously blown open the tank containing the gold, and wrecked the deck-house above it by means of dynamite, but the opening made into the tank was not sufficiently large to permit of the ingress of a man's body. They, therefore, in addition to removing the debris on the tank, had to improvise long grippers, which could be utilised to drag the boxes of gold to within their cab, will be understooded and the fact that the massociation of the council. The question was, they would be utilised to drag the boxes of gold to within their cab, will be understooded and the fact that the massociation will be seven will be understooded to work to better divided to drag the debris on the tank, had to improvise long grippers, which make in one of the council the proposed New Zealiand tour of the Austr

LADIES BLOUSES. B. Mountcastle and Sons, 101 Queen

B. Mounteastle and Sons, 101 Queenstreet, are admitted specialists in this
department. Ladies' French Cambric
Blouses, Ss. 6d. each; Ladies' French
Cambric Costumes (Blouse and Skirt),
30s.; Ladies' French Coloured Pique
Blouses, 10s. 6d. each; Ladies' French
Coloured Pique Costumes (Blouse and
Skirt), 37s. 6d. No prints, but genoine
French Printed Coloured Cambrics, kept
in stock. All best quality and latest
designs, is, per yard. Patterns and
directions for self-measurement forwarded on application.—(Advt.)

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN NEW SOUTH WALES

MATCH AGAINST SURBEY.

THE ENGLISHMEN AT THE WICKETS-

(By Cable Message.)

LONDON, August 17. The Australian Eleven comm match on Kennington Oval to-day

against the county of Surrey. The Surrey team is composed as follows:-R. Abel, W. Brockwell, T. Richardson, T. Hayward, H. Wood, G. Lohmann, C. Baidwin, Hayes, H. Thompson, J. J. Key, and M. Read. Messrs. Gregory, Endy, and Johns are standing out of the Australian team.

The weather is fine, and there is very large attendance of spectators. The wicket is in excellent condition, and the ground is also in first-rate order.

The Surrey captain won the toss, and decided to bat. At 1 p.m. the home team had lost one wicket for 42 runs, Brockwell being caught by Kelly off Trumble for 19. An excellent stand was now made by

the Surrey batsmen, and at 2.30 p.m. the score had been increased to 131 with only one wicket down, Abel being not out for 58, and Hayward not out 50. The bowling of the Australians was completely mastered, and 100 runs were put on in an hour and a-half. The

Australian captain made a number of changes in the bowling, but without result, Jones, Trumble, M'Kibbin, Giffen, and Trott being all equally punshed by the batsmen.

THE PROPOSED COLONIAL TOUR-

MEETING OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

STRONG DISAPPROVAL EX-

(By Telegraph from our Correspondent.

Mr. G. N. Curzon, Parilamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, stated, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, that the final reply of the Dutch Government to the British case in connection with the claims for compensation made by the captain, crew, and owners of the barque Costa Rica Packet, for the alleged illegal seizure and deterrtion of the vessel by the Netherlands-India authorities, will be delivered to the arbitrator, Professor Martens, of the Russian Foreign Office, on the 11th November.

THE CATTERTHUN WRECK,

RECOVERY OF GOLD.

EXTRAORDINARY DEEP DIVING.

A RECORD PERFORMANCE.

(By Telegraph from our Correspondent.)

SYDNEY, August 17.

A special meeting of the New South Wales Cricket Association of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the Proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the Proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the Proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the Proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough to consider the question of the Proposed tour of the Australian Eleven brough tour of the Australian Eleven brough tour of the Australian

Mr. Teece moved as an amendment "That a communication be sent to the Cricket Associations in New Zealand and Queensland, drawing attention to Cricket Associations in New Zealand and Queensland, drawing attention to the apparent bad faith of the Australian Eleven for matches with the Australian Eleven for matches with the Australian Eleven for matches with the Australian Eleven for matches on the cattern of the eleven to the colonies; also, that the Victorian Associations not to make a similar cance Company from Seal Rocks stating that gold to the value of 25000 had been absolutely recovered from the wreck of the Catterthun by the salvage steamers, which have been endeavouring to obtain it since May last. Four boxes have also been placed in a net on the deck of the Catterthun, and will be hauled to the surface to-morrow. These are expected to contain £2000 worth additional.

The diver Briggs to-day descended four times, and his assistant, May, five times, the deepth at which they worked being twenty-six and a-half fathoms. This is the deepest diving on record by half-afathom, the previous record being the diving done at the Canary Islands in twenty-six fathoms when a large quantity of gold was recovered from the ship fathoms of water, and the diving operations have been impeded month after month by inclement weather and the strength of the current, which upon the strength of the current was even more powerful there than at the surface, and they had several almost miraculous the apparent bad faith of the Australia

cause of almost all constant recurring headaches of a neuralgiac character. Permanent relief can only be obtained by the use of special Spectacles, which neutralise the defects. Messrs. Greenfield and Barraclough, Opticians, of George-street, Brisbane, make a speciality of prescribing these glasses.

The coal mines of Great Britain produced 1,410,555,380 tons during eight years from 1887 to 1884. The iron ore mined during the same period amounted to 1,033,204,769 tons.

An evidence of the striking uniformity of size among the Japanese is found in the fact that recent measurements taken of an infantry regiment show no variation exceeding 2in. in height or 20th. in the company's Brisbane omces, Rorman Chambers, Creek-street.*

When the "wine" is in, the wit is out. When bad Tobacco is in, the "pipe" is always out. Smoke only "Challenge's Tobacco. Pure Texas.*

SYDNEY, AUGUST 17.

KICKED TO DEATH. Joseph Ryder, aged 17, was brutally kicked and fatally injured yesterday at Waterloo. He took a horse to a paddock, and returned an hour afterwards covered with blood and bruises. He gave a disjointed account of having been attacked by two men, who knasked gave a disjointed account of having been attacked by two men, who knocked him down and kicked him about the body and head. He then became un-conscious, and died this morning. The police have so far been unable to un

CHARGE OF MURDER. A verdict of murder was returned against Alice Short to-day by the corpner's jury, who found that the death of Emily Franz was due to an illegal operation.

ACCIDENT TO A CIRCUS

PERFORMER.

An aboriginal circus performer named.

Alick, who was announced to do a sour-Anex, who was announced to do abula-ersault act at West's Palace Circus, now playing at Greta, met with a ser-ious accident on Saturday night. A block had been placed in the centre of the ring, from which he was to take his spring, but as he was making his turns after a long run, the block jump, after a long run, the block slipped from beneath him, and he was precipitated to the ground with fright-ful violence, falling upon his head. Paralysis supervened, and he is new in precarious condition.

A LABOUR PROTEST. The regulations framed by the Public Service Board in connection with the hours of work on the public tugboat and dredge services at Newcastle have and dredge services at Newtonian and dredge services and the employees to enter a protest against their enforcement, on the ground that they increase the hours of labour from forty-eight per week to fifty-eight on the tugboats and to fifty-three on the dredges.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUS-

COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Leave was given to-day by Mr. Justle Owen, in the Equity Court, to the directors of the Commercial Bank of Australia, for meetings of the creditors of the bank to be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, 1st Septem-ber, to consider the proposed scheme of rearrangement of the bank.

ILLNESS OF JUDGES. The Chief Justice, Sir Frederick Darley, and Mr. Justice Manning were to-day incapacitated by illness from taking their seat upon the bench. DEATH FROM ALCOHOLIC POISONING. A woman named Margaret Penning-

ton was found dead in her bed at Forbes on Monday. It was discovered that she had died from alcoholic poison-ing, and at the inquest a verdict to PROGRESS OF SHEARING. Shearing is now in full swing in the Walgett district, where 3,000,000 sheep

RIFLE TEAM FOR ENGLAND. The military authorities have asked for a list of men from the Mounted Rifles who are prepared to form a team to visit England from the colony in November next. It is expected that a large number of applications will be

ived by the authorities. OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

(By Telegraph.)

WALLANGARRA, August 17.

The following passengers travelled by mail train to-day:—
For Melbourne: Messrs. E. R. Palmer, 8. Weston, F. Hindop.
For Sydney: Messrs. C. B. Norwood, James Raff, W. F. Allen, A. Mort, A. C. H. Palmer, P. Wynter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Messrs. Q. Jones, and V. Jones.
For Glen Innes: The Dampler Dramatic Company, Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe.
For Tenterfield: Mrs. Begant, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walker, Mr. T. Walker, For Deepwater: Mr. Hamilton Gordon, For Brisbane: Messrs. H. Pollard, T. A. Tabart, Miss Kirkpatrick, Mr. Cecil Krkpatrick, Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Miss Hollander, Messrs. B. Stanley, W. J. King, J. J. Flack.

A. Tabart, Miss Kirkpatrin, Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Hollander, Messrs. B. Stanley, W. King, J. J. Flack.

Have been made into Clothing at 72 Queen-street during the week just closing, and every Garment made has apparently given satisfaction. "Better late than never" should be the motio of those who have not yet ordered Suita, Brilliant assortment of Serges, Worsteds, Venetians, Scotch and West of England Tweeds, Cashmerer and Fancy Trouserings. Every Garment leaving the establishment is guaranteed.—

A BEAUTIFUL CARBON And one dozen Cabinets for 15s. Wiley, Vice-regal Photographer, 8 Queen-street, opposite Town Hall.*

EXHIBITION.

Visitors are invited to inspect J. S. Manwaring's shipment of Spring Goods now opening. Measures recorded for future transactions. Manwaring, Fashionable Tailor and Importer, Queenstreet.—(Advt.) UNANIMOUS VERDICT.

It is now universally acknowledged that Bulimba XXX Sparkling Ale, bottled by Queensland Brewery. Limited, is far away superior to all other brands. It is not aerated with artificial gas, but allowed to mature naturally before leaving the Brewery; it can, therefore, be confidently recommended as absolutely pure and wholesome.—(Advt.)

The July number of "Macmillan's' contains, among other articles, an amus-ing and clever description of a cricket ing and clever description of a cricket match played by an impromptu All England Eleven against the natives of a tropical island. A very good picture is drawn of the depressing effect of a tropical sun on cricket enthusiasm, and the eccentricities of the Major's umpiring are most amusingly described. The number also contains an interesting paper on the English settlement of Canada by the loyalist refugees from the United States. The history of the development of an inheritance which seemed to these refugees the very Ultima Thule of the earth, through unheard of hardships and poverty, form an interesting reflection for those who concern themselves with the course of the development of those Northern provinces.

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