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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Days of the Week.	Day of Month.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	
SUNDAY	April 6	6 18	5 45	Full Moon, Mar. 27
MONDAY	" 7	6 19	5 44	New Moon, Apr. 5
TUESDAY	" 8	6 19	5 42	Full Moon, Apr. 6
WEDNESDAY	" 9	6 20	5 41	New Moon, Apr. 19
THURSDAY	" 10	6 21	5 40	
FRIDAY	" 11	6 21	5 39	
SATURDAY	" 12	6 22	5 38	

FIXTURES.

Berrima District Show.—April 10, 11, and 12.
Bowral Athletic Club's Sports, Queen's Birthday.
Maruian Show.—April 8 and 9.

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Saturday, April 5, 1890.

DISTRICT COURT.

The above court was resumed on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, before his Honor Judge Fitzhardinge.

W. L. HOWARTH V. J. S. ARMSTRONG.

Claim, £18 7s 6d, horse and cart.

Mr. Oxley for plaintiff; Mr. Gale for defendant.

The particulars of this case were reported a few weeks ago, when the case was heard at the Mittagong Police Court. The claim was for a village cart and horse alleged to have been sold to Hamilton and Armstrong for £24, the plaintiff to take a mare and foal for which he was to allow £7, thus leaving £17 to be paid for the horse and cart. The plaintiff got the mare and foal, and Hamilton and Armstrong took delivery of the horse, cart, and harness. After having had the cart for some time, the cart was returned, and subsequently Howarth caused the cart and harness to be sold by auction at the defendant's risk, for £7/10/0. Plaintiff deposed that Armstrong took delivery; on the 16th of May he wrote out an account to Hamilton alone for the horse, cart, and harness, but he made a mistake then in omitting Armstrong's name (agreement put in); was not sure that the agreement was written some time in June, although dated May 11; from something he heard he believed their was a plaint issued against Hamilton alone, but that also was a mistake, and it was rectified afterwards.

Mrs. Howarth, wife of the plaintiff, deposed that Hamilton and Armstrong dealt conjointly about purchasing the horse and vehicle, &c., and that Armstrong took delivery of them; Armstrong returned the cart and harness, and asked if he could leave them there for a day or two.

Thomas Jones deposed that he saw both Armstrong and Hamilton take a trial of the cart; he did not hear any objections made about the cart; Armstrong took delivery of the cart from Mr. Howarth; Armstrong told him that he (Armstrong) had bought the cart and asked his opinion of it.

John Nugent deposed that he saw the cart and harness sold at auction.

Joseph Armstrong, the defendant, deposed that Hamilton was his brother-in-law; on the 16th of May he got leave from Howarth to take the cart and harness away, in consequence of negotiations which had taken place between Hamilton and Howarth on the previous day; when he returned the cart Howarth maintained that the bargain had been made, and he wrote out an agreement and asked him to take it to Hamilton (at Robertson) and get him to sign it; he did so, but Hamilton refused to sign the agreement because of the cart not being as represented.

Verdict for plaintiff for the amount claimed, with expenses of three witnesses.

White v. Geddes, claim £200, Mr. Gale for plaintiff; Mr. Moriarty (instructed by Mr. Latchford) for defendant.

John White, the plaintiff, deposed that he sold 160 acres of land at Outaway Hill (agreement produced); the amount of purchase money was £1,100 to be paid in December last; the purchase money had not been paid, and the property had been damaged in such a way that he had lost over £200.

Plaintiff was non suited. Expenses of one witness allowed.

Miller V. Kirby, postponed to next court.

BOWRAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1890.

SPECIAL meeting. Apologies for their enforced absence were received from Aldermen Hodgson and J. J. Campbell, the only absentees. Minutes were read and confirmed.

PETITION.

A petition drawing attention to the dangerous state of Oxley-street was received. It also asked for the erection of a lamp somewhere in the centre of the street. The petition was signed by Mr. B. Short, on behalf of other ratepayers.

On the motion of Aldermen Bissaker and Holmes, it was agreed that the clerk of works attend to the necessary repairs at once.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Mr. H. Prather, asking permission to take about ten loads of earth from Gladstone-street.—Granted.

Communications were received, giving permission to the council to attach a bracket lamp to the red bridge.

From the government department (Goulburn) stating that the price for ashes was fixed at head quarters.—Agreed on motion of Aldermen Holmes and Dawson not to order any more ashes at the price asked—2/6 per cart load.

From the Secretary of the General post office, stating that the department could not be responsible for the damaged state of a map received through the post by the Council, the map being 3 feet in length, and not securely packed.

From Messrs. Elliott Bros., re their disinfectant.

From Mr. W. R. Dickenson, on behalf of Mrs. Dennett-Jones, stating re the pool of water on Mrs. Jones's property in Bendooley-street, that a drain pipe was required to take it away.—Received.

From Mr. Dickenson, asking if the council intended raising the road opposite his property in Woodbine-street; if so it would create a nuisance in his property.—Referred to the Works Committee.

From Messrs. T. Cope and Son, stating that the filling-up in Jasmine-street had damaged their property; and that they could neither get in to nor out of their property. They also asked that the footbridge be taken down in Merrigang-street, it having damaged their fencing.—Messrs. Cope and Son to be informed that the Council would use every endeavour to have the difficulty removed as soon as possible.

From Messrs. Fisher, Ralfe, and Salway, solicitors (Sydney), asking, on behalf of Messrs. Cope and Sons, for the levels of Merrigang-street.—Received.

From the Under-secretary of Lands, stating that the dedication of the public cemetery would be effected as soon as possible after the meeting of parliament; and that Mr. V. B. Riley would be requested to report prior to the department granting a sum of money for the improvement of the ground.

Letters were read from Mr. Kidd and also from Mr. McCourt re interviews they had concerning the railway authorities getting stone from the Gib. They suggested an interview with the commissioners.

REPORTS.

Finance.—The following accounts were passed for payment:—

J. T. Neale, half-year's interest on £3000 loan	... ...	£90 0 0
R. Loseby, quarter's interest on £1000 loan	... ...	£15 0 0
		£105 0 0

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS.

In reply to Alderman Dawson, the Mayor stated that Messrs. Cope and Sons, had a frontage of 37ft 3 inches to Merrigang-street.

Alderman Rice was told that Mr. Tournay was spoken to about the erection of the lamp at Howral-street, and that he stated that a larger main would have to be laid to the lamp.

Alderman Bissaker stated that something ought to be done to Queen-steet; there was a big industry there lying idle on account of the state of the street.

Alderman Bissaker asked if the council could not compel something being done at Ramsden's buildings; the building created a nuisance on the foos-path. He moved that an opinion be obtained from the municipal association. Seconded by Alderman Harrison, and carried.

Alderman Bissaker asked if the box drain in Merrigang-street was a permanent job.—"Yes." Alderman Bissaker did not think so.

BUSINESS.

The Mayor stated that he had failed to get any further satisfaction from Mr. Simpson regarding the proposal to take metal from King and Cliff-streets. He stated that he would have the opportunity of going to Sydney on the following morning, and seeing the Commissioners.

Alderman Rice moved that the Mayor wait upon the Railway Commissioners, with full power to complete negotiations with them.

Alderman Harrison seconded, and the motion was carried.

THE BENDOOLEY STREET NUISANCE.

Alderman Bissaker moved and Alderman Rice seconded, that the clerk of works arrange about having the nuisance abated, by pumping water out with a Californian pump.

The motion was carried.

This completed the business, and the meeting terminated.

MITTAGONG COUNCIL.

THE regular meeting of the Mittagong Municipal Council was held on Wednesday evening last. Aldermen Sheather and Larkins were absent, the latter having sent an apology.

Minutes were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from the Municipal Association, stating that the council could sue for rates, irrespective of the by-laws being gazetted.

REPORTS.

Finance.—The following accounts were passed for payment:—

Mitchell, on a/c	... ...	£3 0 0
Edwards, wages	... ...	4 4 0
Clerk, salary	... ...	6 5 0
		£13 9 0

Works.—The Works Committee recommended that Edward-lane, Alfred-lane, and Alfred and Louisa streets be drained.

Valuators.—The valuators submitted their report, showing an advance of about £70 over the estimated value of last year.

On the motion of Aldermen Dawson and Richards it was agreed that the finance committee be requested to prepare an estimate of the revenue and expenditure for the present municipal year, and submit it to the next meeting of the council.

TENDERS.

Sand-stone rubble.—Two tenders were received—H. Childs 4/6 per yard, and J. Chalker 3/9 per yard. J. Chalker's tender was accepted.

Alignment Pins.—Alderman Middleton moved, and Alderman Vlies seconded, that the tenders received for the supply of alignment pins be not opened; and that the council clerk write to the Municipal Association and to the Department of Lands, asking if iron pins were allowable, and if the survey would be affected if made by a licensed surveyor.

An amendment was moved by Alderman Dawson, "that the tenders be opened, and that the alignment be proceeded with at once."—Seconded by Alderman Richards.

The motion was carried.

MOTIONS.

Alderman Richards moved: That the matter relating to the bridge in Victoria-street stand over until next meeting of the council, to enable the council to visit the locality in the meantime.—Carried.

Alderman Snowden moved: That the council clerk write to Messrs. N. Griffiths, Thompson, and A. and R. Amos, requesting them to move fences obstructing Duke, East, Prince, and Bright streets.—Carried.

Alderman Snowden moved: That the Works Committee be instructed to mark out the approaches to the bridge in Colo-street, Oaklands, and report to next meeting.—Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Alderman Richards: That a special meeting of the council be called to examine the report upon the valuation.

By Alderman Dawson: That a special meeting of council be called immediately upon receipt of information re the alignment pins.

This comprised the whole of the business.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Recruit Squad.

SIR,—I notice that the squad of recruits who have been drilling since October, under the careful tuition of a Staff-Sergeant from Head Quarters, have been unable for the second time to stand the test required by Sergeant Major Murphy, who came up twice to inspect them and pass them into the ranks, if possible. Now the query is, "Who is responsible for this deplorable state of affairs?" I say deplorable, because if we have a squad of men drilling some five months under the guidance of a supposed-to-be experienced and capable officer, and at the end of that time they are told that they have absolutely learnt nothing properly, and also some things they should have been taught they have not been shown at all. I say in the face of all this, how is the company to exist? How will another recruit squad be raised if after wasting five months of their natural liberty they are simply told that "they don't half know their drill?"

There must be something rotten in the state of Denmark; either the squad must have been confoundedly stupid, or else the instructor was not half as clever as he undoubtedly thinks he is. Why should this squad of 14 recruits be any more awkward than the previous one of 20 or so who were passed into the ranks just 12 months previously by the same inspecting officer, the only difference being that the squad of 20 were instructed by a non-commissioned officer of the local corps, and were only drilling five weeks instead of five months, and the local instructor never received a walking stick for his pains. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, would you ask your dear Easter readers to solve the following arithmetical problem, but so as not to make it too complex, I'll leave the walking stick out. "If a non-commissioned officer of the local corps can prepare 20 men in 5 weeks sufficiently to be passed into the ranks at a cost of 2/6 per drill, how long and at what cost, would it take a staff-sergeant from Head quarters, to get a squad of the same strength passed in if after 5 months' drill of 14 men at a cost per drill of 12/6, the 14 men are said to be only half drilled?" Yours, &c.,

TOMMY ATKINS.

The Robertson Railway.

In response to a requisition, a public meeting was convened by the Mayor of Moss Vale for Thursday evening last, to take into consideration the action of the parliamentary works committee re the Robertson railway. The meeting was convened for half-past seven o'clock, but after waiting till 9 o'clock it was adjourned, on the motion of Mr. E. E. Row and Alderman James Callen until Wednesday evening, the 23rd instant. There were about a dozen persons present.

I.O.G.T., Gordon Lodge, Bowral.

THE members of the Gordon Lodge held their weekly meeting on Monday last in the Oddfellows' Hall, Chief Templar, Bro. F. Raward, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the usual business was gone through. Several communications from the Grand Lodge were read, and one candidate was balloted for membership. There was very little business to transact, so the lodge entered into recess to carry out the programme, which was a dual one, being set down as a general surprise night, and the mock trial by jury, which had been postponed from the preceding meeting. The trial however was again postponed, so that the party to be tried will have plenty of time to prepare a good defence.

Mittagong.

Mittagong is sparting. The whole township is building, and the buildings are chiefly of a substantial and elaborate character. There are a dozen or more men engaged at Morris's new premises in Main-street; it is reported that Messrs. Forster's of Granville, are the successful tenderers for the new building for the Commercial Bank; the new post-office is fairly underway (if the sentinal expression is allowable inland); Austin's new premises are beginning to look portentious; tenders are out for the block of buildings which the Mayor (Mr. Mosley) contemplates building on the site now occupied by the E.S. & A.C. Bank; Mrs. McRae's premises, adjoining Mr. M. Heffernan's fine looking boot and shoe establishment, is being reared to two-storey's; Messrs. Dawson's new premises are approaching completion; improvements and alterations are going on at Mr. Draper's big building opposite the Court House; there are reliable rumours of private residences of note being commenced shortly, and there are other signs of improvement and progress going on in various parts of the town and immediate neighbourhood. All this must mean something sound. For the past twelve months Mittagong has been showing decided signs of improvement; and the township keeps growing larger. At present there is no other township in the district as active in the building trade, and it is noticeable that the activity is being displayed by the business people of the place, who ought to have the best idea of the stability that warrants it.

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In mining there is not much stirring. As the result of Mr. Wilkinson's recent visit the only direct advance so far has been the granting of two votes of money, one of £180 to Messrs. Brasenall to test iron deposits, and one of £50 to Messrs. Dunstan and Southey, to help in determining the amount of wash (the supposed matrix of the diamond) at the diamond fields.

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The council is gradually getting into the thick of its work. The bylaws have not yet been gazetted, but the assistance of Messrs. McCourt and Kidd has been invoked, and no doubt the bylaws will become law in time. This is one of those heavy matters of state that always move cumbrously and painfully slow. The valuations this year are about £70 in excess of those of last year. The increase has not been brought about by additional rateable property, but by an increase on the rates charged last year. The major portion of the increase rests on the Land Company's property; and it would appear from the fact of there being 676 valuations this year against 628 last year that there has been a re-arrangement of the taxation. Some of the larger residences, Mr. H. E. Vaughan's and Mr. Beaumont's, for instance, are rated higher this year. Mr. W. Warrener valued the property this time, his fee being £8. He acted in conjunction with the clerk. Additional office furniture is required for the convenience of the clerk, to aid in the efficient performance of his duties, and the safe custody of papers that are fast accumulating. The rate paid for the premises used as council chambers is £5 a year.

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The increasing demand for Gib stone has put the Mittagong council on the alert to catch business. Several of their streets run up on to the Gib, but it appears that they are at present fenced in. At the council meeting on Wednesday night last the clerk was directed to communicate with several persons and request them to remove the obstructions. The council estimates that on these streets it has five million tons of metal; or rather that estimate has been made in the council.

MOSS VALE POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1890.

BEFORE Messrs. F. R. Wilshire, P.M., and G. Tate J.P.

Thomas Turner, of Bowral, was charged by Senior-Sergeant Fowler with having on the 15th March, carried on the business of a hawker without first obtaining a license.

Mr. Gale appeared for the accused.

Senior-Sergeant Fowler deposed that on Saturday, the 15th of March, he saw the defendant in Berrima, he had a number of fancy goods spread out on a verandah on the side of the road; the auctioneer, Mr. Perry, offered some of the goods for sale; as witness approached, Perry said, "that closes the sale;" he asked defendant if the goods were his, and he replied; "yes," asked him if he had a hawker's license, and he said "no;" remarked, that he (witness) told Perry that morning that it was illegal to sell, Turner not having a hawker's license; both the parties resided in Bowral; Turner packed up the goods and took them away.

To Mr. Gale: In the early part of the afternoon, Perry sold some goods on behalf of Godfrey; Turner's goods were not hawked from house to house, but were sold by auction in one spot.

Herbert Perry deposed that he was a licensed auctioneer, residing in Bowral; on the 15th March he sold some goods belonging to Turner; Turner took the goods to the place as Berrima where he (Perry) was holding the sale; there were 32 purchasers of the goods; and the proceeds were handed to defendant the next day; sold the goods at the residence of Godfrey; Turner took charge of the goods, they were not sold in a mart; defendant was not a resident of Berrima.

To Mr. Gale: He rented a room from Mr. Godfrey in which to hold the sale, but the goods were sold on the verandah, instead of in the room; it was a public auction sale, and he received goods from T. N. Morgan and M. Heffernan, but in consequence of the interference of the Senior Sergeant they were not offered.

Francis Breen deposed that he purchased some of the goods in question at auction.

Mr. Gale submitted that the information laid under the 2nd section of the Act should be dismissed, as the sale was made by a licensed auctioneer, and not by a hawker, accepting the interpretation of the word, as given in the 23rd section of the Act.

The Police Magistrate said that clearly the act was an offence against the English act, but he believed that under the colonial act it was not so, and seeing that it was an important case he would reserve his decision for a week.

Mr. Oxley explained that Mr. Perry had consulted him in the matter, and that he advised him that he was not committing a breach of the act.

THE GIB STONE.

There is nothing definite to report regarding the negotiations pending between the Bowral Municipal council and the railway department for a supply of ballast for the railway line. The Mayor's contemplated trip to Sydney on Thursday was unnecessary, as Mr. Pebon (railway commissioner) visited Bowral on that day in company with Mr. Simpson (engineer) and Mr. Foxley. These gentlemen, and the Mayor, made an inspection of the sites from whence it is proposed to get the stone; and the railway representatives afterwards visited other sites that are under offer, one of which is at Badgery's siding, near Sutton Forest. It is understood that the decision of the railway department will be announced in the course of a week or so.

Land for Proposed Council Chambers at Moss Vale.

At the last meeting of the Moss Vale Municipal Council the following tenders were received in reply to the advertisement for building Municipal Chambers:—James Faulks, lot 27, Lackey's subdivision, Argyle-street, £100; Charles Nicholson, premises in Argyle-street, £3 per month or £36 a year, with option of purchase in six or eighteen months; George Tate, jun., land in the main street, £400; A. E. H. Carter, adjoining Mr. Taylor's property, £1/10 per foot; C. C. Gale, land between Ager's shop and Conlon's store, 60 feet frontage to Argyle-street, £325; R. P. Richardson, lot 1, £8 per foot, frontage to Argyle-street, lot 2 £7 per foot, frontage to Argyle-street, lot 3 £3 per foot, frontage to Throsby-street; W. McCourt, M.L.A., and J. A. Badgery, 111 feet of land frontage to Argyle-street, opposite Taylor Bros.' store, at £7 per foot; W. McCourt, M.L.A., 80 feet frontage to Argyle-street, opposite Mr. A. Salmon's shop, £7 per foot; James Taylor, sen., a block of land at the corners of Argyle and Yarrawa-streets, having a frontage of about 98 feet by a depth of 110 feet, £2 per foot frontage to Argyle-street.

Alderman Taylor moved that the offer of James Taylor be accepted, the position being central, and the terms reasonable.

Alderman Coleman seconded the motion.

Alderman John Callen moved as an amendment that R. P. Richardson's offer be accepted.

The voting was equal, and the Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment.

Hospital.

MATRON'S report for week ending April 4, 1890:—Patients in hospital last report, two males and one female; these have since been discharged. The hospital is now empty.

Cattle Sale.

Mr. J. G. Morris held an important auction sale of dairy cattle on Wednesday last, at his yards, Bowral. Sixty head were put into the yards by Messrs. Oxley and Welford—a fine lot of heifers from the Bathurst district; and 12 by Mr. David Morrice. The lot were sold: the highest price paid was £9; the average price was £6/5/0.

The Metropolitan Show.

THE Metropolitan Agricultural Show opened at noon on Wednesday. It was a great success, there being a splendid show of cattle, horses, and other live stock. Agricultural machinery of all descriptions was largely represented, and altogether the exhibition was a vast improvement on former years.

A GREAT TRIUMPH.

THE DOCTORS FAILED.

FIVE YEARS' USELESS TREATMENT.

The following case has come under our observation:

Miss ——— ———, (daughter of a prominent physician who won't allow us to publish names, because "it would be mean pay, and professional") has been in delicate health for the last five years. The cause was simply anæmia or poorness of blood, her father had treated her for all sorts of complaints and she had been also attended by several "ladies'" specialists without benefit. The case came under our notice quite accidentally some months ago. Miss ——— was then just 20½ years of age, 5ft 5inches in height and weighed exactly 101 pounds. She had the usual symptoms of anæmia, excessively pale and pasty skin and lips, dark circles round the eyes, soft and flabby limbs, complete loss of periodic functions, was excessively nervous, timid, and weak, no appetite and very restless at night. We microscopically examined the blood and by dilution with distilled water and careful examination, arrived at a very accurate estimation of the number of red blood corpuscles per ounce, what there were of them appeared shrivelled and shrunk like dried fruit and were almost destitute of vitalising properties. We advised the use of Clements' Tonic in doses of a dessertspoonful after meals, and this treatment was adopted without the father's knowledge. Four weeks afterwards when 3 small bottles of the remedy had been taken we again examined the blood, the red corpuscles had increased by 70 per cent. as near as we could estimate, and under the microscope had the appearance of over ripe red currants almost bursting, the patient had gained 5lbs., then (September 7th, 1889,) weighing 7 stone 6lbs. the appetite was much improved, the limbs were becoming firmer and the muscular tissue more defined and pronounced. She could walk considerable distances without undue fatigue, could eat and digest almost any kind of food, the lips were pink and firm, and the dark circles under the eyes had almost disappeared. We advised a continuance of the use of Clements' Tonic and she took a further course of four large bottles, and then as perfect strength and vital energy was restored, a longer treatment was not considered necessary. She is now fully restored to health, strong, vigorous, and weighs 10 stone 2 pounds, can do any kind of work and walk 5 miles without fatigue, eats well, sleeps well, and has a vigorous appetite. What a change from her condition 8 months ago!

Now, Reader, here's a case that has baffled the best medical and therapeutical skill for years, which Clements' Tonic has positively cured in 2 months, but we are not allowed to publish names because it would not be orthodox. Mankind may suffer, hundreds of cases must not be neglected, scores of lives must be sacrified because (it would be mean, and unprofessional "for a medical man to recommend or give a testimonial of Clements' Tonic because it is "a proprietary article or patent medicine." The mere fact of its being the patent medicine is the greatest protection for the public, for were it made otherwise its therapeutical excellence would be subordinate to the profits of the various makers; while the manufacture is in the hands of one maker, it is to his interest to make a genuine article.

Bowral Wesleyan Sunday School Festival.

Festival services in connection with the anniversary of the above will be preached tomorrow,—in the morning by the Rev. E. A. Corner, and in the evening by the Rev. J. A. Foggon. There will be a children's service at 3 p.m. On the following day, Monday, the annual picnic will take place in Mr. Funston's paddock, and on the evening of the same day a public meeting will be held in the School of Arts.

The Operation of Restriction.

Mr. Blaine's attempted defence of protection in the North American Review meets with a crushing rejoinder from Senator Mills, who deals with all his opponent's arguments and allegations *seriatim*, and conclusively refutes them. Starting from the position that wealth and wages are increased by the removal of all impediments between producers and consumers, and that both are decreased by the interposition of such impediments, the ex-Chairman of Ways and Means in Congress proceeds to show the pernicious operation of commercial restrictions to the United States, and their infamous injustice, because they enable what are known in that country as the "Robber Barons" to put their hands into the pocket of every consumer in the land. He justifies the employment of that offensive epithet by showing that in twelve years the manufacturers of steel rails alone plundered the community of £80,000,000 sterling, while the manufactures of steel and iron generally pillaged the public of no less than £120,000,000 sterling in the same period. The farmers of Victoria and its woolgrowers would do well to read what Mr. Mills says of the beneficial effect of the revenue tariff which was in force from 1847 to 1860, and to ponder over the statistics which he quotes in proof of the disastrous results of a protective tariff to agriculture. "We have to-day," he observes, "twelve millions more people than we had in 1861, and yet our exports of agriculture are 230 millions less than they were in that year, when they should be 250 millions more, and would be if the markets were not shut against us. If we would open our markets to the products of other countries, ours would be demanded and taken in exchange for theirs. But as long as we refuse to take their surplus, they cannot take ours, because they have nothing else with which to pay." Noticing the popular fallacy that protection produces high wages, Mr. Mills asks how it is that wages are so much lower in France and Germany, each of which has a high tariff, than in Great Britain under free trade; and he does not omit to point out that American protection, by putting taxes on the goods of the foreigner, prevents him from taking in exchange the surplus produce of the United States. "He takes less of our wheat, flour, cotton, and provisions; a larger surplus is left in the home market, the demand is decreased, the price falls, and the growth of wealth is retarded." Another remarkable testimony to the influence of free-trade is furnished in an article on British capital and American industries, by Mr. E. Wiman, who stated that England has been taking the results of her industrial activity "in the shape of cash to a greater degree than any other country, and must therefore become the great investor of the world," and that in twenty years' time Great Britain will probably "control one-half the industrial enterprises of the United States, and will turn the tide of money back from profits and dividends to such an extent as to make that country pay a vast tribute to London."—Argus.

The Influenza Epidemic.

WHAT is known as the "Russian influenza" has reached Australia at last. It is believed to be contagious, and people in the best of health are just as likely to catch it as those suffering from disease. In Melbourne there are several cases of this very distressing disease, and a telegram in Monday's Herald says, "The influenza seems to be increasing on the sea coast, but has not yet attained any wide prevalence in Melbourne. One doctor at Port Melbourne last Saturday had about 150 cases, and another 200, mostly new cases. In several instances lung complications followed, and several deaths have occurred. Mr. Dow, Minister for Lands, and Mr. Morres, Chief Secretary for Lands, are amongst the sufferers." The disease appears to puzzle the medical men. A ship was given a clean bill of health, and a few hours afterwards the crew were down with the influenza. A man-of-war had to put back to port after being out to sea for three days owing to the crew being suddenly prostrated by the disease. It comes in a mysterious manner, and travels widely and quickly. There is one consolation in the fact that the cases of influenza in Australia are mostly mild ones. Our climate prevents diseases making much headway. The only safeguard against the spread of the disease appears to be cleanliness. The Postmaster-General has issued instructions to all postal departments to keep the offices thoroughly clean as the influenza was likely to invade the colony. Our readers need not be alarmed at the disease when it does appear. Fear often brings on diseases. When attacked, a person has only to take care of himself or herself for a little while, when the disease will quietly disappear.—Exchange.

Illawarra Dairy Cattle.

ANOTHER instance of the increasing popularity of the above-named strain of cattle, says the Kiama Independent, was furnished on Friday last, on which day Messrs. Cole Brothers, of Jamberoo, shipped four young bulls to Milton and Moruya. They were a choice lot, comprising (1) a dark roan, fifteen months old, by the champion bull Old Slashim, out of the celebrated champion cow Violet, sold to Mr. T. W. Cork, of Moruya, for £20. (2) A bright roan, twelve months old, by Old Slashim, out of a prize cow. (3) A deep red bull calf, three months old by Old Slashim, out of the prize cow, Victoria. The above were bred by Mr. J. W. Cole, the two latter realising satisfactory prices, though we did not hear the exact amounts. Of the cow Violet we may add that for four years past this cow has entered in the milk test competition, first as a heifer, under three years, when she won with a record of 44lbs. of milk; next years she was again first in her class with 50½lbs. milk; and the succeeding year she won with 66lbs., and last year her yield eclipsed all previous performances with the record of 69lbs. a day. The other animal in the shipment was bred by Mr. J. T. Cole, being a very fine dark roan three months' old bull calf, by the prize bull King Slashim, out of Twin Rose, a prize cow of 1888.

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