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6500 Crossbred and Merino Ewes and Wethers.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1896.

J. M'NAMARA & CO. (conjointly with Watson & Co., of Rochester) will sell, at their Numurkah yards, at 1 p.m. sharp, on above date—
3000 Crossbred Ewes, 2 and 4-tooth.
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The auctioneers can highly recommend the above splendid lines of sheep, which are off the shears and direct from Riverina. They are all well grown, sound, and in good condition, and a large number of the lines first mentioned are approaching ¾-bred Lincolns, the ewes in particular being something special to breed from. They will be sold in lots to suit purchasers and on special terms.

SHEPPARTON STOCK SALE.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1896.
J. M'NAMARA and CO. will sell
HORSES,
CATTLE,
SHEEP, &c
Entries Invited.
PIG SALE EVERY MONDAY at 1 p.m

SHIRE OF EUROA.
TENDERS are invited till noon on Monday, 19th October, for the following works:—
NORTH RIDING.
Contract.
1—Formation near creamery, Kialla.
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A deposit of 5 per cent. must be enclosed with each tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
H. PARKER,
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ALWAYS to the Front, as again illustrated last Saturday by J. Carpenter, who won the Warrnambool Road Race on a Raleigh.
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Catholic Ball and Supper
Will be held in the
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Double Ticket, 7s 6d; Single, 5s. Dancing at 8. Efficient M.C.
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Wednesday and Thursday,
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Enormous prize-list, nearly £600. His Excellency Lord Brassey, Lady Brassey and a Distinguished Party from Government House will honor the Show with their Presence on Thursday (Vice-Regal Day). Grand Hunting Competition, Trials of Lady Hunters, Maiden Hunters, High-jumpers, Pony Jumpers and Galloping Ponies both days of Show.—Over £70 to be given in prizes.
Special Trains! Special Trains!—Shepparton to Tatura (Thursday, Vice-Regal Day)—Shepparton, departure, 11 a.m.; arrives Tatura at 12 noon. Tatura, departs, 6.55 p.m.; Shepparton, arrives, 7.30 p.m.
All entries close on Wednesday, 14th October. No increase in price of admission. Do not miss seeing this wonderful exhibition. Send for prize-list, &c.
LUKE FLANAGAN, Secretary.

PINE LODGE GUN CLUB
A BALL
Will be held on
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In connection with the above club,
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Return Tickets at Holiday Excursion Fares.
H. BYRON MOORE,
Secretary.

SHIRE OF SHEPPARTON.
TENDERS, addressed to the President, will be received up to 12 noon of Saturday, 17th October, for the following works:—
Contract No. 3, 1896-7.—Clearing opposite P. Gillard's.
Contract No. 4, 1896-7.—Clearing adjoining Forge's, Benalla-road to river.
Contract No. 5, 1896-7.—Clearing N. and S. road, near North's.
Contract No. 6, 1896-7. — Clearing Grieve's Lane.
Specifications at Shire Hall.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
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TO be leased on the share system for three years, from 1897, on the Tubbo Estate, near Narandera, New South Wales. About fifteen thousand acres of first-class wheat-growing land, in blocks of not less than five hundred acres.
The land varies in distance from ten to twenty-two miles from railway-stations. No clearing necessary.
Land in close proximity to the above produced sixteen bushels of wheat to the acre last year.
The owners will rabbit net the land in blocks of from 4000 to 5000 acres.
Tenants to give one-third share of the year's produce, and deliver same in bags at the nearest railway station.
Every facility for inspection will be given by the manager on the estate.
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GRAZING LANDS
TENDERS will be received by the Board of Land and Works up to Noon of Thursday, the 22nd October, 1896, for the Right to Graze on the undermentioned land from the 1st November, 1896, to the 30th June, 1897. The fee for above period and fee for license must accompany each tender. Tender forms and full particulars may be obtained at the Local Land Office.
Lot 67, Grazing Block (No. 6797)—16 acres, being part of allotment 16B, parish of Currawa, formerly reserved for watering purposes.—*Benalla*, A.21269.
R. W. BEST.
Commissioners of Crown Lands & Survey.
Melbourne, 14th October, 1896.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 360.
SHIRE OF SHEPPARTON.
NOTICE is hereby given that an ELECTION of FIVE PERSONS to act as Members of the BOARD OF ADVICE for the above-named School District will be held on the 12th day of November, 1896, and that the 27th day of October, 1896, has been fixed by me as the day of nomination.
Nomination Papers must be delivered to me at Shepparton, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon on the 27th day of October, 1896.
All head-teachers are expected to act as deputy returning-officers, but any not wishing to do so are requested to send me notice at once. This applies to all the State-schools within the Shire of Shepparton.
Nomination papers and withdrawal papers may be obtained from me at my residence, Edward-street.
Dated this 15th day of October, 1896.
JAMES COLDWELL, J.P.,
Returning Officer.

YOUNGHUSBAND & CO.,
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666 and 668 Bourke-street, Melbourne,
ARE prepared to Receive Consignments of
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— REGULAR AUCTION SALES. —
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MR. G. A. BISHOP, representing the Victorian Cricketing and Sports Co., invites inspection of QUADRANT CYCLE (Ryan's Hotel) up to Wednesday next.

CARPENTERS.—WANTED GOOD IMPROVER; also Smart Boy to learn trade.
E. J. VIBERT, Builder,
Maude Street, Shepparton.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
Copies of the *Shepparton Advertiser* of Friday last, 9th inst., Re-purchased at this office. Full price for single copy (3d) given.

IMPOUNDINGS.
Impounded at Shepparton—
Bay Filly, Hack, star, long tail, near fore and near hind feet white, no visible brand.
Grey Horse, aged, Hack, like H near shoulder.
If not claimed to be sold November 11.
CHAS. DUDLEY,
Poundkeeper.

SHEPPARTON AND DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE BUTTER, CHEESE, AND ICE FACTORY CO, LTD.
TENDERS, returnable on Friday, 23rd inst., at 12 noon, are invited for the Erection of Creamery Building at Pine Lodge North.
Plans and Specifications may be seen at the company's office.
Deposit 5 per cent.
No tender necessarily accepted.
FRED. M'NAUGHTON,
Secretary and Manager.

BICYCLE SPORTS.
RECREATION RESERVE.
9TH NOVEMBER, 1896.
ROLL UP! — ROLL UP!!
THE WORLD ON WHEELS will be Presented for the first time to the public of Shepparton and district. So Don't Miss It.
Admission, 1s; children half-price.
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TO LEASE BY TENDER.
320 ACRES at KARRAMOMUS, known as Robertson's, lately occupied by Mr Denehy, for 2 years and 3 months from 1st November ensuing, for grazing or cultivation. Good house and other improvements.
Tenders close 26th inst.
Full particulars
J. M'NAMARA & CO.

NUMURKAH TURF CLUB.
OCTOBER MEETING.
WEDNESDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1896.
Hurdle Race, 10 sovs.; Trial Stakes, 5; October Handicap, 10; Trot, 5; Welter Handicap, 5; Flying Handicap, 5; Hack, 3.
Nominations for Handicap events are due on 16th October; acceptances and general entries, 26th October.
W. G. M'KINNEY, junr.,
Secretary.

THEIR EIGHT ANNUAL
Tea Meeting and Concert
In connection with CHRIST CHURCH, will be held in the
MECHANICS' HALL, CANIAMBO,
ON
TUESDAY EVENING, THE 20th INST.

SUNDAY SERVICES.
BAPTIST CHURCH. — Shepparton, 11, Pitman; 7.30, supply. Tatura, 7.30, Pitman. Karramomus 11, Cameron. Pine Lodge, 3, Pitman. Arcadia 11, Cameron.
WESLEYAN CHURCH. — Shepparton, Sunday-school Anniversary. Tallygaroopna 3, Mr Thomas. Congupna 3, Mr Phillips. Congupna West 3, Mr Gribben. Pine Lodge North, 3, Mr Brooks.
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. — Shepparton, 11, Mr Wright; 7, Rev W. Hamilton. Kialla 11, Rev W. Hamilton; 7, Mr O. G. Green. Pine Lodge 3, Rev W. Hamilton. Tank Corner 11 and 7, Mr Gribben.
CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Shepparton 11 and 7, Rev J. Youlden. The organist of St. Augustine's Church will play the "Dead March in Saul" during the morning and evening services, in memory of the late Archbishop of Canterbury.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. — Shepparton 11, Rev Mr Johnson; 7.30, Communion Service, Rev F. Milne. Kialla 3, Rev F. Milne.

"The Advertiser"
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Official Organ of the Shepparton Shire Council and Waterworks Trust.
Be Just and Fear Not.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1896.

HON. members of the Legislative Assembly have now before them the State Bank Bill introduced by the Government, and the public will watch with the keenest interest the manner in which their representatives deal with so important a subject. It is now many years since the proposal for the establishment of a State Bank in Victoria was first mooted; but it appeared to have been lost sight of during the land and silver booms, when the necessity for any such institution was not felt by those who were accumulating vast fortunes—on paper—through the medium of the syndicates that, with members of Parliament at the head of their directorates, dealt with thousands in a much lighter manner than the ordinary citizen in these days regards a single pound. But the stress of the times has sobered us and caused us to indulge in cool and calm reflection; and our legislators give recognition to the fact that the first aid to the further development of the resources of the country must be cheap money. The Government Bill, we are told, is drawn with the double object of establishing a State Bank and amalgamating the Post-office and Commissioners' Savings-banks. That step has, of course, everything to commend it; indeed, it would be absurd to have running at one and the same time three separate and distinct institutions, practically under the one head. The measure provides for raising by mortgage bonds a fund to be placed at the disposal of the Commissioners of Savings-banks for advances; for making advances at reasonable rates, on convenient terms, and upon proper securities; and for keeping separate and distinct accounts relating to the Savings-bank department, the advances department, and the issue and banking branch of the State Bank, which it is arranged shall have the following general powers: To receive money on current account and invest the same as hereafter mentioned, and to repay the same without interest; to establish agencies of the bank at any post-office or elsewhere in Victoria or in London; to act as banker for any other bank; to purchase, take on lease, or otherwise acquire, and sell, demise or otherwise dispose of for the purpose of carrying on the business of the bank, any real or personal property; to maintain, repair and improve any real or personal property of the bank; and to exercise all such incidental powers as shall be necessary to carry on the business of the bank, which is to be managed by the Savings-banks commissioners, who in payment of their services are to receive a guinea a meeting, but no commissioner is to get more than £105 in a year for attendance fees. An inspector-general, at a salary of £1000 per annum, is to be appointed. The State Bank is to hold all Government moneys and the State account, and may issue notes ranging in value from 10s to £100, which notes will not be liable to duty and are made legal tender. A branch of the bank is to be established for the reception of current accounts, which may be operated on by cheque; and corporations and societies are permitted to have current accounts with the bank, but no interest is to be allowed thereon. When appraising the actual value of any property, valuators are to carefully consider its clear income-earning capacity utilised for pastoral or agricultural purposes in average seasons and markets, having due regard to depreciation where necessary, and the cost of such artificial fertilisers as may be necessary to prevent appreciable depreciation in the quality and value of the land. The total appraised actual value of such property shall in no case exceed (a) twenty-five times the clear annual income earning capacity of the land in the case of land used exclusively for pastoral purposes, nor (b) twenty times the clear annual income-earning capacity of the land in the case of land used for agricultural purposes. In the case of land which has acquired a special increase of value by reason of being cultivated as vineyards, hop grounds, orchards or fruit growing plantations, or for other like purposes, the value of such land shall be based upon its clear income-earning capacity if utilised for the production of ordinary cereal, pulse or root crops, or for pastoral purposes. Having given these few details as to the nature of the Bill, we await with much interest the deliberations of hon. members to whom the Premier has set no light task in giving due consideration to the provisions of a measure that is the most intricate that has of late years been placed before them.

THE TATURA SHOW.—We have again to remind our readers of the Tatura Show, which takes place next Wednesday and Thursday. The entries are large in all classes, and some of the finest exhibits ever brought into a show-ground in the district will be on view. Many novel and interesting features will this year be introduced, the committee and their energetic secretary, Mr Luke Flanagan, being fully alive to the fact that the more attractions they can offer to the public the greater is the interest taken in the show. On the first day there will be a chaff-cutting contest, sheep-dog trials, and other additions to the ordinary show programme; while the trials of hunters and pony jumping promise this year to be particularly good, some first-class animals being engaged. The second day witnesses the attendance of His Excellency the Governor, Lady Brassey, and suite, who will arrive by special train, accompanied by a large Parliamentary party, including members of both Houses. The attendance bids fair to be exceptionally large, and as on Thursday the weekly half-holiday will be observed in Shepparton (in place of Wednesday) the number of visitors from this district will be a substantial increase upon those attending in former years. An important feature of the show will be an educational exhibit by the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Robilliard, Government expert, having been in Tatura on Tuesday, making arrangements for the display of essential oils, seeds of all kinds, flax, fibre, tobacco leaf, &c., for which a space of 60 x 50ft. has been allotted.

MINOR OFFENCES.—At the Police Court on Tuesday, before Messrs. Ford, Caldwell, and Thorn, J's.P., two parents were fined 10s each for not having their children vaccinated, and a third case of a like nature was adjourned for fourteen days. For neglecting to send their children to school the required number of days, two local residents were called upon to contribute half-a-crown apiece.

THE N.S.W. LAND RUSH.—A Corowa telegram on Wednesday stated:—The town is crowded to-night with intending applicants for two blocks of 400 acres each at Boomanoomana, which are open for homestead selections. A dozen or more agents are driving a lucrative business filling up forms at 2s 6d each, and they estimate the number of applicants at fully 1000. Mr Gale, the land agent, has had barricades erected on the verandah of the courthouse, for the protection of the building, as on a former occasion the mad rush of people caused great damage to Government property. Fully 70 per cent. of the applicants are from Victoria. All the hotels are crowded, and constant streams of vehicles are coming by all roads converging on Corowa. The result of the ballot will not be made known for probably a week.

ENTERTAINMENT.—This evening at the Fruitgrowers' Hall, Ardmona, a concert will be given in aid of the funds of the Church of England. A splendid programme has been arranged, and Mr and Mrs Otto Brandon will play the popular and amusing comedietta, "My Milliner's Bill."

AN UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE.—Mr J. E. Byass on Tuesday morning had the misfortune to lose a valuable buggy horse (one of his handsome pair of chestnuts) in a singular manner. The two horses were running loose in the yard of his residence in Edward street, and in attempting to jump the picket fence one of them became impaled, and was so badly injured that it had to be destroyed.

THE CIRCUS.—Shepparton is on Tuesday next to be favored with a visit from FitzGerald Bros.' circus and menagerie, and that evening an entertainment of a very comprehensive and first-class description will be given, the company being a large and excellent one, as will be gathered by reference to the announcement in another column. The Messrs FitzGerald justly deserve the high reputation they enjoy as public entertainers, and their patrons may rely upon getting the full worth of their money. The editor of the *Federal Standard* (Chiltern) yesterday telegraphed us:—FitzGerald's played yesterday, crowded tent; performance wonderful; many new and rare novelties.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—Mr James Coldwell, J.P., returning-officer, gives notice of the triennial election of five members of the Shepparton Shire School Board of Advice, the date of which has been fixed for the 12th November, and of nominations by four o'clock on Tuesday, 27th inst.

THE SHOW CERTIFICATE.—The design of the show certificate executed by Mr John Longstaff, the artist, for the Shepparton Agricultural Society is a very fine one. In the left-hand corner is seated a female figure holding laurel wreaths, while overhead is a large spray of laurel, and at her side is a shield bearing the Australian arms. The design is a striking one, and has been well carried out, both by artist and lithographer. It may be mentioned that Mr Longstaff made no charge for his work, for which the best thanks of the society are certainly due to him.

OFF TO THE WEST.—Mr John H. Noble, formerly secretary to the Shepparton District Butter Factory, leaves for Coolgardie to-day. We wish him every luck, in whatever line of life he adopts on the western goldfields.

A TURF DISAPPOINTMENT.—The Melbourne Cup favorite, Wallace, has been scratched for all engagements, owing to his having sprung the middle tendon of the near fore leg.

SHEPPARTON ILLUSTRATED.—This week's number of the *Weekly Times* contains several well-executed illustrations relating to the National Show held at Shepparton, with views of the butter factory and of Messrs Quiggin Bros.' establishment. Portraits are given of the president and secretary of the agricultural society (Messrs Clarke and Byass), of Mr Thos. Geddes, and of members of the Mooroopna Hospital committee. The show pictures include the exhibit of ice made by the butter factory, Mr A. Halliday's thoroughbred stallion Cyclops, Mr D. Burgess's Hereford bull, Mr G. Pagan's Hereford cow, Mr D. Archibald's draught stallion Woodside Chief, the show grounds, the Governor's arrival, and watching the jumping.

THE BENALLA SHOW.—The above show, held on Wednesday and yesterday, was well attended, but in point of number of exhibits was not equal to previous exhibitions. Among the prize-takers in fat cattle was Mr H. Grattan, of Gowangardie, who secured three first awards. The trials of hunters resulted as under: Lady's hunter, C. Roach, 1; R. B. Vincent, 2. Maiden Hunter, R. B. Vincent, 1; H. Roe, 2. Ponies over jumps, 3ft., E. Irving 1; D. M'Pherson, 2.

MUNICIPAL.—Mr Nagent enters upon his combined duties as shire secretary and rate-collector to-morrow. Messrs Strangward and White, the Government and local auditors, proceed with the annual audit of the shire books and accounts on Monday. Special meetings of the council and water trust take place to-morrow, the former to confirm the improvement rate and the latter to deal with several important matters affecting the water supply which require immediate attention.

THE CAULFIELD CUP.—The above event will be run to-morrow, and, with a start, we anticipate the result to be—Hopscotch, 1; Straightfire, 2; Rosella, 3.

HOROLOGY.—At the conclusion of next Monday evening's business of the Loyal Moira Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., Bro. E. C. Morris will deliver a lecture on "Horology."

THE BUTTER FACTORY.—Supplies to the Shepparton District Butter Factory are keeping up well, and the output of butter is consequently large. From the 1st September to the 12th inst. the factory has forwarded to Melbourne for export 53¾ tons of butter, of which 42 tons have been shipped to London, by the ss. Oroya, Orient, Oceana, Valetta and Lusitania. 11 tons 29 boxes (40 boxes go to a ton) are awaiting export, in Melbourne, and will be supplemented by five tons to be sent away from the factory to-day. The directors are about to break new ground by erecting a creamery at Pine Lodge North, on land given for the purpose by Mrs Moylan; tenders being returnable on the 23rd inst.

SHEPPARTON BOWLING CLUB.—The official opening of the bowling season on the local green yesterday afternoon was one of the most successful social gatherings held in Shepparton. All sections of the community assembled, and had evidently made up their minds to have an enjoyable afternoon. The ladies were most prominently to the fore in the whole arrangements, and spared no trouble in catering for the pleasure of all. The members and their friends rolled up in force, the attendance numbering between 60 and 70, and several new members were enrolled. Afternoon tea was indulged in by all. Every delicacy was provided, and with the refreshing luxuriance of the green and all the surroundings, including a large Japanese umbrella as a centre, made one imagine the assembly was a social afternoon tea served up on one of the metropolitan lawns. The committee deserve every credit for having the green in such excellent order, which was an occasion for many expressions of approval by all the players, and it seemed a pity that the fairer sex could not join in the game. A friendly contest between the president and vice-president was indulged in (Miss Thorn rolling the first bowl); several recruits, so to speak, taking part, and acquitting themselves as veterans of past contests. Play was good throughout, the president (Mr Thorn, J.P.) scoring a win, which is a pleasant augury of his year of office, which promises much success. Thanks are due to the ladies for the excellent arrangements regarding the refreshments. May the club prosper is our heartiest wish, as a more pleasant means of recreation does not exist.

SHEPPARTON BICYCLE SPORTS.—Sale of Booths, Bicycle Sports, 9th November, at M'Bride, Martin and Co.'s Mart, Saturday next, 3 p.m.—[ADVT.]

INVENTIONS.—From Messrs. G. G. Tatti and Co., patent agents, we are in receipt of an abridged edition of the *Inventor's Guide*, which is printed in handy and attractive form, and contains many useful hints on the subject of securing patents, giving instructions, and other information of value to the inventor.

A FRIGHTFUL TRAGEDY.—A sheep farmer at Pine Valley, South Australia, named Joseph Thyer, killed his wife and five children on Sunday night, and then committed suicide by hanging himself. Thyer committed the murders after his family had retired for the night. Thyer's two eldest sons were away from home on Sunday night, and on returning to Pine Valley on Monday morning they were horrified to find that such a tragedy had been enacted. Thyer's body was found hanging in the stockyard to the gallows.

A ROAD FATALITY.—Mr Wm. Jackson, farmer, of Naringaningalook, met with a fatal accident on Saturday evening while driving home from Numurkah.

THE SALVATION ARMY.—A service of song, entitled "Little Eva," will be rendered in the local barracks of the Salvation Army on Sunday next, admission by silver coin. The self-denial week starts to-morrow, and in aid of that fund a sale of gifts will be held in the barracks on the 26th inst.

THE VILLAGE SETTLEMENT SCHOOL.—Mr Bull has been appointed head-teacher of the Village Settlement State-school, near Shepparton, and entered upon his duties on Tuesday last.

INQUIRY.—An inquiry into charges preferred against Mr Robin, head-teacher of the Shepparton State-school, of being unduly severe in inflicting corporal punishment on certain of his pupils, will be conducted at the school at half-past 1 o'clock this afternoon, by an officer of the department.

THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON Esculapius tried to impress upon his pupils was that the chief trouble afflicting humanity was due to impurities of the blood. All disorders may be traced to this fact, for unless the source of life is free from disease germs it cannot have that strength which is necessary for good health. Holloway's Pills are composed of the most precious herbs and soothing balsams which Mother Earth can offer to her children, therefore they may be relied upon to supply the nourishment that is craved by the system. It is no vain boast to say that this is the most wonderful discovery made in the annals of medical science; they will cure or relieve all diseases.

SHEPPARTON URBAN WATER TRUST.

The monthly meeting of the above trust was held on Tuesday evening. Present: Coms. Geddes (chairman), M'Cracken, Sheil and Fair.

The secretary reported: To balance, £11 3s 10d; paid into bank during month, £105 15s 10d. By amount of pay-sheet, £51 5s 6d; outstanding cheque, £3 6s 8d; interest on overdraft for half-year, 17s; Cr. balance, £61 10s 6d. Loan account—Balance, £2 17s 5d.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed,

A communication was received from the Water Supply Department, inquiring when a payment on account of interest due on the trust's loans to the 30th June last would be made. —A cheque for £100 was ordered to be forwarded.

The engine-driver (Mr Beechey) in his report recommended certain repairs to the building, and stated that the consumption of water during the past fortnight was double the average of that of last month, having been at the rate of 14,171 gallons per day.

On the motion of Com. Fair, seconded by Com. Sheil, it was decided that the matter of repairs stand over for a month, and that in the meantime Mr Beechey prepare an estimate of the cost.

Com. Fair urged that steps should be taken as soon as funds would allow to extend the water supply service—to Messrs Allen's and Howard's properties, particularly.

Com. Sheil agreed that the parties mentioned should be served with as little delay as possible; and it was decided that tenders be called for laying down pipes to the properties indicated, and that a special meeting of the trust be held that night fortnight.

Three tenders for the supply of 300 tons of box firewood were received, as follow:—T. Myers, 4s 6d per ton; W. Irwin, 4s 5d; Thos. Pinner, 4s 9d.

It was resolved, on the motion of Com. Sheil, seconded by Com. M'Cracken, that the tender of T. Myers, for the supply of 150 tons, at the rate mentioned by him (4s 6d), be accepted.

Accounts amounting to £130 13s 4d (including £100 as interest to the Government) were passed for payment, and the meeting adjourned.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Messrs J. M'Namara and Co. report: We yarded 326 cattle and 1107 sheep at our fortnightly sale on Tuesday, 13th inst. A good number of fats forward, including a few pens of prime bullocks and heifers and a number of cold cows in very good condition. Competition was a little easier than at previous sales, but on the whole the sale was good and an early clearance was made. Light-weight bullocks, £5 9s to £5; others, £3 16s to £4 5s; handy heifers, £3 5s to £3 16s; fat cows, £3 15s to £4 9s. Stores: A good number, but of indifferent quality. A few lines of growthy steers, young heifers, and the usual consignment of poddies and store cows completed the bill of fare. No good store bullocks forward. The attendance of buyers was good, but the continued dry weather caused biddings to be slack, and low prices ruled. Store bullocks, £3 17s; store cows, 25s to 50s; dairy do, 45s to 75s; steers, 18s to 30s; heifers, 12s to 20s; poddies, 8s to 14s; calves 6s to 9s; bulls, 20s to 30s. In sheep we had a few choice lots of fats and sold prime crossbred ewes to 11s 6d; others, to 8s; spring lambs, 5s. A couple of good lines of stores yarded, but buyers were few and business difficult to effect on account of the dry weather. Line of 632 weaners in low condition, 5s 3d; store wethers, 7s 4d. We have sold 262 cattle and 855 sheep for 34 vendors at quotations.

MELBOURNE MARKETS

FAT SHEEP.—24,500 yarded. The demand was inactive throughout, and prices ruled from 6d to 1s lower. Prime crossbred wethers, 12s 9d, 14s 6d; good do., 11s, 12s 6d; second do., 9s 6d, 10s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 11s 6d, 13s 6d; good do., 10s, 11s; second do., 8s 6d; best merino wethers, 11s 6d, 13s; good do., 9s 6d, 11s; second do., 7s 6d; prime merino ewes, 8s, 9s 6d; good do., 7s, 8s 3d; second do., 6s. Shorn sheep.—Wethers, 6s 6d to 10s 3d; ewes, 4s to 10s. 9000 lambs penned, for which the demand was weak, at prices ranging from 3s 6d to 8s 9d. Among the lots sold were 20 crossbreds and 100 lambs (the latter 6s and 7s) from the Dookie Agricultural College; 106 shorn crossbreds from Mr Young Walker, Clairwood, wethers 10s, ewes 7s 7d; 95 comebac