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We are promised a good riddance of bad rubbish. The Government have made up their mind to get rid of that eyesore to Brisbane — the gaol, and to remove the prisoners to St. Helena, there to cultivate sugar. The gaol will, when the last prisoner has left it, be pulled down, and the site and materials converted into hard cash, of which a good amount should be realised. The gaol is not only an eyesore, but it is a place of torture as well. It is quite unfit for habitation, even by prisoners, some of the cells, during hot weather, being veritable ovens, in which the unhappy inmate can scarce draw breath. The prison, too, is considerably overlooked by houses, and is altogether demoralising to the crowded neighbourhood in which it stands. The preliminary step towards a complete clear out has just been taken by the Colonial Secretary, who has just informed the head gaoler and chief turnkey that their services will no longer be required.