

## ESCAPED PRISONER

### IN A WEAK CONDITION

Adrift on a plank.

Brisbane, March 30.

The convict Hamilton, who disappeared from St Helena Island Prison last Thurs-day evening, was recaptured at about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. A warder, on duty, had his attention attracted by an object floating in the sea several hundred yards distant from the shore of the island, in the direction of the boat passage. He immediately reported the matter to his chief, and the prison launch, manned by a number of warders, put out

to sea and was soon heading towards the

floating object.

As the launch drew closer it was noticed that the object was almost submerged. On it was the body of a man

which was almost under the water. When

the launch drew alongside the man was discovered to be Hamilton, the escaped convict. He was still dressed in prison garb and he was secured by the warders and placed on board the launch without any resistance. In fact, he was in too weak a condition, from the exposure and want of food, to resist. The object he was floating on was taken in tow and the party returned to the island, where the floating object was discovered to consist of two long forms, lashed together.