

# Yarrowonga News.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Phil Leahy received a letter, bearing date 21st ult., on Monday, from Mr F. Richardson, organiser of the A.W.U., informing him that a Hewers' and Rabbit Trappers' Union had been formed at Avoca and was in good going order. The two bodies have two separate committees, but have banded together to save expense. The President, Mr G. Prendergast, M.L.A., is arranging for a deputation to the Minister as soon as delegates can be got from all the centres. Phil also received a letter from Mr Lemon, the member for Williamstown, advising the local men to at once elect officers. Mr Lemon states that a detachment of the Labor Party may visit Yarrowonga after the election at Glenelg is over. The rabbit trappers here want Phil to assist them in the formation of a union. Mind you, Phil gets nothing for all his trouble; he won't even take a drink, as he is a life abstainer. The hewers are to hold a meeting on Saturday, when proposals and particulars for forming a union will be discussed. Many workers outside the rabbiters and hewers are of opinion that if a union was formed under the name of The Bushworkers it would become very strong.

Mr Lane, our stationmaster, has been transferred to Traralgon, and is being succeeded by Mr Boyle from Queenscliff, who received a good presentation on leaving. It is to be hoped that the Department will retain the services of Mr Tobin as foreman of the goods sheds. He is a great worker, and does all he can for his employers and the public.

Messrs Sager and Cox, contractors for the sewerage works, have obtained an extension of same of about 30 chains from Orr street, along Hovell, crossing McNally into and along Lott into the main streets. This will be the means of draining the swamp on the west side of the main street at the south end, also a large area at the south end of the town. The money will be well spent. The extension is being done at schedule rates, and will run into between £300 and £400. The whole work will, it is said, be completed some time in June. At present there are about 25 men working on the contract.

The weather is very unsettled. Rain is badly wanted by the farmers.

There will be no bricks ready at the local kiln for over a week.

The caterpillars are infesting some of the houses here.

Efforts are being made to induce the local young men to take out electors' rights, so that the voting power here will be increased at next election.

Mr Austin Rhoads, farmer, lost his infant daughter on Friday. This makes the second child Mr and Mrs Sheedy have lost.

Mr Charles Lowe, an old resident, died a few days ago from senile decay. Deceased, who was a native of Scotland, was over 70 years of age.