

It is not unnatural that the local public should be somewhat exercised as to who is to represent this district in the next Parliament. That we are to lose the services of our senior member, who has represented this district for so many years, seems to be beyond the region of doubt, and whatever his loss to us in politics, there is no question that in his proposed sphere he will be of the greatest value to the colony as a whole. His appointment is a fitting termination to the work of rehabilitating the country industrially which has been steadily kept in view by the present Government and the choice of Mr. BLACK to represent this colony as commercial agent in England will be very generally approved. Following him the next member for Mackay will be at some disadvantage. He will take the place of an able debater and astute tactician, one who has seldom failed to correctly gauge the wishes of the majority of his constituents and who has been able to keep the electorate as a whole, satisfied with his course of action. His successor, to do as much, will have to depend upon something more than personal influence and weight. Our two members wandered far apart last session, and before its close were frequently to be found voting on

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desirable and probable. We doubt if any member has more effectually won the good-will of all classes than he has. Apart from his ability as a debater and his capacity for private work on behalf of his constituents he has shown a liberality of views and a conscientious desire to do the right thing—whether it pleases or whether it does not—which have removed many prejudices and raised him in the eyes of the people to a higher plane than that on which the average politician is to be found. For the reasons given by us on a previous occasion we consider the return to power of the present Government desirable, and the support accorded to it by Mr. DALRYMPLE naturally renders him a *persona grata*. The electorate has to find a man to act with him and not against him. Names are freely mentioned, but the actual intentions of suggested candidates will not of course be known for some time. With the reconstruction of the Cabinet, next February, an opportunity will be given to those who at present oppose the Government to profess support of the new ministers. That they will do so is highly desirable for a useless election contest, with its attendant bitterness, might thereby be avoided. The appeal to the country is only some five or six months away and the consideration of the colleague who shall assist Mr. DALRYMPLE cannot be much longer delayed. It is said that the day brings forth the man. Let us hope so, and that the man will be one who will merit support more on account of his statesmanlike qualities than his personal influence and persuasive tongue.

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We note that Mr. J. J. Ward, tailor, is laying in his summer stock. He has some nice things in stock.

By wire last night Thursday Island reports that the R.M.S. India from London, was in sight at 6.10 p.m.

The circus, which we announced in our last issue, is due here next week. It opens on Monday night, and, like all circuses, is sure of large houses.

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Talbot and Amelia Ingermansson, each of whom went up from the Mackay State school for the Sydney Junior University examinations, have passed.

We owe Mr. Maiden an apology for the allusion, but we understand that ice cream "Eugella" is going to become the fashion these warm days. All you want is a dice-box, and—*a shilling*. M—— does the rest.

We note that Major Moore, the new Police Magistrate, and Mr. McFay, the acting station master at Mackay, have been appointed shareholders in the central mills, since Mr. Mowbray and the late Mr. C. C. Innis.

Owing to small tides the Lohrg loa is the wharf at 4 this, Saturday, afternoon for the "Perseus". A steam tender leaves Queen's Wharf at 6 to-morrow, Sunday, morning with mails and passengers. Passengers' luggage must be down at the wharf by 3.30 this afternoon.

In the Small Debts Court on Thursday last, Daniel Shepherd, as trustee in the estate of C. H. Sturwold, sued C. Dupuy for £20, dishonoured promissory note. There was no appearance for the defence, and a verdict was entered for plaintiff with his costs.

We are informed that new maps are being prepared of the farms on the Hollow lands, and that these maps will be before the public at the end of next week. We hear that negotiations for the erection of a mill are proceeding most satisfactorily and we hope soon to be able to announce that the matter is definitely settled.

A CRICKET match will be played this afternoon at the Queen's Park between the East and West. The following teams have been selected:—East:—Crompton, Crabbe, Coffin, Joseph, Long, Kent, Westbrook, Hatfield, Brookes, Bernays, and Fay. West:—Grimstone, S. Davies, W. Walker, Green, Higgins, Hasenkamp, Haly, Borton, Ball, McKenney, Chidgey, Emergency, E. Lynch.

THE third and final rounds in the tennis tournament took place at the Queen's Park yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a number of members of the club and some ladies. Messrs. Michelmore and Mowbray met McKay and Haly, the latter being the winners by 6-6; 6-5; 6-3. The victors in this round then met Borton and F. Black for the final, when Haly and McKay were defeated by 4-6; 6-3; 6-2.

It is satisfactory to find incontestable confirmation forthcoming of the report that the life policy of the late C. C. Innis did not lapse. There was never a case in which the admirable non-forfeiture system, initiated by the National Mutual Life Association, did such sterling work. The notice elsewhere recalls Mr. Innis' sad death, but at the same time it shows the way in which the full bitterness of

shows the way in which the full bitterness of such blows may be partially warded off from the widow and orphans left behind.

THE various technical classes in connection with the School of Arts close their first quarter this month, and they will not be resumed again until January. On the whole they have been successful, the fees received from them amounting to about £30. This sum, it is confidently expected, will be subsidised by the Government at the rate of £ for £. When the classes are restarted we hope to see that public interest is fully sustained, and that the new quarter will open well with increased numbers and additional classes.

The following weather reports have been posted at the local Telegraph Office dated 25th inst., 9 a.m.:—Yassala, calm, dull, close; Nebo, calm, fine, clear, hot; Collaroy, calm, cloudy, hot, showery. R. F. 0.61; St. Lawrence, N.W., dull, hot; Bloomsbury, N., cloudy, thunderstorms. R. F. 0.05; Marlborough, W., cloudy, dull, close; Eton, N., W., cloudy, hot; Walkerton, S.E., cloudy, hot. Temperature.—Mackay, Max., 87; Min., 73; Solar, Max., 149.

MR. C. H. ALLEN, travelling agent for Warner's Safe Remedies, is now visiting Mackay to look up advertising contracts, distributing pamphlets in this and other towns throughout the colony. The little book entitled, *The Name Book*, is well worth reading and hanging up for reference. It contains testimonials from well-known men and women, who have derived benefit and cure by the use

of that valuable medicine. Besides other valuable information useful to all, Mr. Allen will be pleased to see any one interested in the medicine, or who has been benefited by its use, at Fay's Metropolitan Hotel.

THE Mackay playgoer can thank the genial agent Sorrell for giving them a treat in the coming Jennie Lee season. He is generally the forerunner of a good company; everyone he pilots through these parts always gives a good account of itself. This company will no doubt eclipse anything we have seen in theatrical events for some time. Jennie Lee "Jo" has become a household word both in England and Australia and wherever this lady and her company have appeared on this tour, she has been received with open arms both by press and public. The former speak