

QUEENSLAND.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

TOOWOOMBA, January 19.

The Primitive Methodist District Meeting commenced its annual sittings in Toowoomba on Saturday, and the sittings are being continued for several days this week. Saturday's business was chiefly of a preliminary nature. Fifty-four delegates attended from churches throughout the district. The Rev. W. Powell was unanimously elected president, and the Rev. P. Aston secretary. The statistics of the connection showed an increase of twenty-nine members and 234 scholars for the year. A temperance and public meeting was held on Saturday evening. The weather was inclement, but there was a moderate attendance, and interesting speeches were delivered by the ministers and lay members. The visiting ministers occupied the pulpits on Sunday in several churches. Nineteen new members joined on Sunday.

Mr. W. B. Taylor, manager of Cecil Plains station, announces in Tuesday's *Darling Downs Chronicle* that all the shearing stands at that station have been filled. Mr. Taylor is still receiving numerous applications from shearers in all parts of the district for shearing work, but he is unable to comply with the requests.

The weather is fine and warm to-day, this being the first fine break during the past eight days. It is cloudy again to-night. There has been a great loss of fruit by being blown off the trees or burst with the excessive moisture during the last week.

WARWICK, January 19.

The retiring members and auditors of the Rosenthal Divisional Board have been re-elected unopposed.

There was a heavy fall of rain last night. To-day the weather has been fine, but very close and muggy.

TAMBO, January 19.

Mr. Fanning, the labour delegate, is here, and is threatening to have all the hotels boycotted unless they employ white cooks.

A mass meeting will be held to-night to consider the advisableness of forming a deputation to the justices of the peace lately appointed, to ask them not to accept the position, and also asking the present justices to resign, and thus force the Government to appoint a police-magistrate. This is considered by many to be imprudent, as if a police-magistrate is badly

imprudent, as if a police-magistrate is badly required the local magistrates will represent the matter properly to the Minister.

The weather is fearfully muggy and stormy.

YEULBA, January 19.

The rainfall for the past eight days has been 3.79in. No mail was despatched to St. George yesterday, as the rivers and creeks are flooded. The weather is close and showery.

THARGOMINDAH, January 19.

The Bulloo River continues to rise, and the flood waters from Adavale are expected to come down in a day or so. The weather is now fine and clear and very warm.

A portion of Carr's cordial factory has collapsed, destroying £30 worth of cordials.

Mail communication is seriously interrupted in consequence of the floods.

MARYBOROUGH, January 19.

The new State school at Sunbury, about three miles from town, was opened to-day. The other State schools re-opened to-day after the Christmas holiday.

Yesterday the weather was fine and hot. To-day several showers fell, but to-night the weather looks clearer.

ROCKHAMPTON, January 19.

The District Court was opened to-day. Charles Almarris and Charles Gould, who were charged with theft and horse stealing respectively, were acquitted. Gould is said to be well connected in Sydney, and the offence with which he was charged was alleged to have been committed at Blackall.

The river was a few inches higher to-day, remaining about stationary during the whole of the day. The water will probably cover all the wharves before the end of the week, as the river at Yaamba rose 3ft. last night and is still rising there, while the tides are just beginning to make.

The prospectus has been issued of a company called the Central Queensland Horse Export Company, with a capital of £20,000 in £1 shares. The company propose to ship horses to India, making Gladstone the port of embarkation.

A telegram was received to-day stating that at a meeting of shareholders in the Conrans Company at Sydney a resolution was passed to wind up the company.

The weather to-day has been very close.

P. H. Talbot, a Crimean veteran, died at Springsure a few days ago. The deceased arrived with his family in Brisbane in 1862, and proceeded to Yamala, on the Peak Downs, where he remained for twelve months. He removed thence to Yaamba, where he carried

removed thence to Yaamba, where he carried on business for six years, and he then settled at St. Lawrence, where he has resided since. His wife died about three years ago, and at their golden wedding, which was celebrated about five years since, there were present over sixty children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Harbour-master returned on Saturday night after passing over the scene of the wreck of the schooner Perseverance, and the place where she was last seen, without finding any trace of her.

CAIRNS, January 19.

After a spell of fine weather, heavy rain set in last night, 5.80in. being registered this morning.

On Saturday Mr. Thallon, traffic manager, and Mr. Horniblow, locomotive engineer, arrived by the Aramac, and will visit the line when the rain ceases.

COOKTOWN, January 19.

Heavy rain fell last night and this morning.

The Kingswear arrived on Saturday with coal for the dredge.

Mr. H. M. Chester has assumed his duties as police-magistrate of Cooktown.

A black gin at the North Shore is dying by inches of leprosy. Her body is fearfully emaciated and covered with innumerable sores, and she is a horrible object to behold. She lives with the other blacks, who habitually patrol the town, acting as scavengers and doing odd jobs about the houses, and it is little short of a miracle that as yet no cases of leprosy among Europeans have been reported. This gin probably contracted disease from the Chinese lepers who were formerly confined at the leper station on the North Shore, as it is a notorious fact that gins habitually cohabited with these unfortunates, and shared their rations. No steps have been taken to exclude the blacks from the town.