

THE WRECK OF THE SCHOONER NEPTUNE,

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE. WEDNESDAY.

A Court of Marine Inquiry was held to-day to investigate the loss of the schooner Neptune, which went ashore on the Ninety-mile Beach on the 6th instant and became a total wreck. The vessel, which was in command of W. Rice, left Melbourne for the Richmond River, via Sydney, on the 2nd instant, with 400 cases of dynamite and 52 tons of ballast. The Court found that the vessel was lost through the default of the master, William Rice, and considered his certificate should be suspended for a period of two years from February 6. They also found that the mate, William Hodgson, was in default, and considered that his certificate should be suspended for 12 months from the same date. Steps will be taken, in the interests of the public safety, to destroy the dynamite washed up on the beach.