

## LAND BALLOT AT COROWA.

### THE COREEN LANDS.

The local land board sitting at Corowa for some days last week was taken up by the consideration of 284 conflicting applications which were lodged three weeks ago for 11 blocks of land on Coreen holding, near Corowa. The 11 blocks abut upon the travelling stock route from Corowa to Urana, and are in the neighbourhood of the village of Daysdale. The blocks, which comprise unimproved country, are distant from 19 to 25 miles from the town of Corowa, and 12 to 14 miles from Balldale, a railway station on the Culcairn to Corowa line. The total area contained in the blocks is a little over 4100 acres, and in areas ranging from 323½ acres to 430½ acres, the eleven blocks were set apart for conditional purchase lease. The areas of the blocks are generally considered to be altogether too small for home maintenance purposes, and the capital values of £3 to £3 5s per acre at which the lands were set apart were regarded locally as excessive, more especially when the distance from market and the fact of the land being in its green and unimproved state are considered. Nevertheless, 284 applications were lodged for the blocks. Fully 60 per cent. of the applications came from Victorians desirous of settling in this State, and the balance of the number chiefly from Riverina share system farmers. The result of the ballot shows that of the 11 blocks available for selection, seven were secured by Victorians, whilst the remaining four blocks went to Corowa district farmers. The successful applicants were:—Annie Carmichael Munro, of Esmond, Victoria; George Jabit M'Bride, of Morrang, Hexham, Victoria; William Murray, of Tungamah, Victoria; Alfred Robinson, of Coreen, via Corowa; Peter Cosgrove, of Cosgrove, Victoria; William Robert Cullen, of Wahgunyah, Victoria; George Davy, of Muskerri, East Victoria; James M'Donald, of Rutherglen, Victoria; John Patrick Ryan, of Boomerang, near Corowa; Patrick George Hickey, of Balldale; Martin Clement Maher, of Mulwala.