

ABOUT PEOPLE

The Prime Minister is still suffering from the effects of the fall he sustained while playing cricket last week. Yesterday Mr. Hughes was not well enough to attend to any official business. It is not expected that he will be able to leave his home before the end of the week.

The Minister of Railways (Mr. Barnes), who was to have returned to Melbourne on Tuesday night, after inspecting the route of the proposed railway extension from Orbost to Bombala, N.S.W., telegraphed yesterday that he had been "delayed in Orbost by bad weather." He will arrive in Melbourne this evening.

The gratuitous services rendered to the community during the war by Mr. D. Mackinnon, particularly in his capacity of chairman of the State War Council, were the subject of speeches delivered last evening at a dinner tendered by the members of the War Council to Mr. Mackinnon on the eve of his departure for Great Britain. Mr. T. Fink, who will act as chairman of the council in Mr. Mackinnon's absence, proposed the toast of Mr. Mackinnon's health, which was supported by the Premier, and cordially drunk. The Premier said there was no man that had rendered more single-minded public service than Mr. Mackinnon. (Hear, hear.) He had been generous to a degree, and there was no movement that had asked for his support but had received his personal services or his monetary aid. Mr. Mackinnon, in reply, said that what he had done was done partly because he liked it, and partly because he thought men who had an opportunity to do such things ought to do them. The work of the State War Council had never been properly recognised. He was adequately rewarded for anything he had done by the knowledge that his friends thought well of his efforts.

The will of the late Mr. Colin Sinclair, of Moeman, Sydney, and Moongulla and Collarendabri stations, N.S.W., grazier, has for probate purposes been sworn at £100,988.

Mr. John Garland, K.C., M.L.C., who had been lying seriously ill for some days at his home, "Charnston," Bellevue Hill, Sydney, died early on Wednesday morning at the age of 53 years. Mr. Garland entered the New South Wales Legislative Assembly in 1898 as member for Woolahra, but was defeated in 1901. In 1903 he was elected as member for Tamworth. He was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1908, and obtained Ministerial rank in 1910 as Minister of Justice in the Wade Cabinet. Mr. Garland was also Minister of Justice in the Holtzman Administration, and in 1919 was promoted to the post of Attorney-General, which he held until April, 1920. The deceased gentleman, who was born in Scotland in 1863, was an M.A. of the Aberdeen University, and graduated LL.B. with first class honors at Edinburgh University. He was called to the bar in New South Wales in 1888, and was created King's counsel in 1910. He had been the procurator of the Presbyterian Church of Australia since 1901.

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The State Taxation Commissioner has been paid \$7839 probate duty on the estate of the late Mr. James Symington, of Berringa Park, Huon, V., grazier, who died on 6th May, 1920.

Among the passengers leaving Sydney for San Francisco by the steamer *Bononia* were Mr. H. F. Phillips and Mr. Kemter, of the firm of Peck and Kemter, architects, who, with Mr. A. J. J. Lucas, are proceeding to England, via America. Their business is to inspect the most recent commercial buildings and picture theatres, with a view to obtaining the latest information and ideas in construction and architecture. The knowledge so gained will be applied to the new building and theatre which are to be erected opposite the Town Hall, Swanston-street, for the Town Hall Property and Central Theatre Companies.

At the annual conference of the Catholic Federation yesterday, a motion of condolence with the relatives of the late Sergeant Buckley, V.C., was carried.

The remains of Mr. Edwin B. Shore, for thirty-three years associated with the Pentridge penal establishment, were interred on Wednesday in the Coburg General Cemetery. The deceased was recognised as the Pentridge prison finger print expert. He saw active service in the navy and permanent artillery, and took part in establishing a boys' naval brigade some years ago at Coburg.

The esteem in which the late Mr. R. H. Gill was held was shown by the large attendance at his funeral yesterday. The remains were interred in the Coburg Cemetery, and among those present were Federal and State Labor members of Parliament, and members of the Trades Hall Council, Australian Labor party, Eight Hours committee, Australian Natives' Association, Victorian Football Association, Liquor Trades' Union and Municipal Employees' Association.

At the meeting of South Melbourne council last night the mayor, Cr. T. Craine, was re-elected as representative of the council on the Metropolitan Board of Works.