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Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Sleepers," must be lodged, with the preliminary deposit, in the Tender-box, Railway Offices, Melbourne, at or before one p.m. on Monday, 28th February.

No tender will necessarily be accepted.

L. M'CLELLAND, Secretary.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

EXTRA TRAINS.

WARBURTON LINE.—On Saturdays, commencing 19th February, an extra "through" train will leave Melbourne for Warburton at 2.15 p.m., and return from Warburton on Mondays, commencing 21st February, at 6.45 a.m., reaching Melbourne at 9.18 a.m.

DAYLESFORD LINE.—On Saturdays, commencing 19th February, an additional passenger train, stopping at Sunbury, Riddell, Gisborne, Macedon, Woodend, Fern Hill, Trentham, Lyonville, and Bullarto, will leave Melbourne for Daylesford at 12.5 p.m., and return from Daylesford at 8.50 a.m. on Mondays, commencing 21st February. These trains will continue to run till further notice.

TOOLAMBA—ECHUCA LINE. — The 8.15 p.m. train from Toolamba to Echuca on Saturdays (in connection with the 4 p.m. express from Melbourne) will resume running on 19th February, and return from Echuca on Mondays at 5.30 a.m., commencing 21st February. These trains were recently discontinued on account of the Coal Strike.

L. M'CLELLAND, Secretary.

Public Works Department, Melbourne, 16th February, 1910.

TENDERS will be received at this office until twelve o'clock on the days and for the purposes undermentioned.

Particulars may be learnt at this office, and where named.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

24th FEBRUARY, 1910.

Taking down State School No. 2829, Koo-wee-rup, and Detached Teacher's Residence; Removing them to New Site, and Re-erecting them there, including repairs, painting, fencing, &c. Particulars at Police Station, Tooradin. Deposit, £5. Final, 5 per cent.

Remodelling and Additions, State School No. 2890, Brunswick West. Deposit, £20. Final, 5 per cent.

3rd MARCH, 1910.

New City Courts. Deposit, £100. Final, 5 per cent.

Extending and Repairing Footbridge over Merri Creek at Roseneath-street. Deposit, £2.

Clearing Lang Lang Creek and Constructing Levee Bank, north side, through Allotment 28N. Particulars at Railway Station, Lang Lang. Deposit, £3.

Regrading Playground, &c., State School No. 2965, Rathdown-street, Carlton. Deposit, £2.

Purchase and Removal of Wooden Building on land adjoining playground of State School No. 1467, Hawksburn. Particulars at Police Station, Town-hall, Prahran. Deposit, £25.

Repairs to Jetty and Approaches, Port Welshpool. Particulars at Post-office, Welshpool. Deposit, £5.

Alterations and Additions to Teacher's Residence, State School No. 778, [illegible]. Particulars at Police Station, Dandenong. Deposit, £4. Final, 5 per cent.

Loch Valley-road, Side Cutting (Tender No. 1), 1 mile to 1 mile 40 chains, (Tender No. 2), 1 M. 40 C. to 2 M., parish of Noojee East. Particulars at Post-office, Neerim North, Mitchell's Store, Fumina, and Labour Bureau. Deposit, £2 each tender.

Purchase and Removal of the Old Stone and Wood Building on the State School site, Hyde-street, Footscray. Deposit, £3.

Formation of Road and Drain, Pender's Grove Estate. Particulars at Northcote Town-hall. Deposit, £2.

Construction of Pitched Channel and Pipe Drain, Section T, Pender's Grove. Particulars at Northcote Town-hall. Deposit, £5. Final, 5 per cent.

10th MARCH, 1910.

Alterations and Repairs, State School No. 528, Riddell's Creek. Particulars at Police Station, Riddell. Deposit, £5. Final, 5 per cent.

Enlarging One Hundred and Thirty-four Chains, Scanlan's Drain, Koo-wee-rup Swamp. Particulars at Railway Stations, Koo-wee-rup and Bunyip. Deposit, £10. Final, 5 per cent.

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W. L. BAILLIEU, Commissioner of Public Works.

DEFENCES.

AUST. CORPS OF SIGNALLERS, Vic.—Nos. 3 and 4 Companies.—Inspection by Commandant To-morrow, at Port Melbourne. Attendance compulsory. Entrain 2.30 p.m. train from Melbourne. Dress—Drill order (cloth tunics), hats. Special Parade To-night, 8 o'clock, at School of Instruction; camp allowances will be paid. Fred. D. Rossiter, Capt., C.O., C.A.S.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS.—Rifle Match at Port Melbourne, Saturday, 500 and 600 yards; V.R.A. medal. G. Hotton, S.M.

A.A.M.C.—MATCH CANCELLED. No targets available. J. Miller.

MELBOURNE RIFLE CLUB.—Competition, Williamstown, To-morrow (Saturday), 300 yards. J. Macnaughton, Captn.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS RIFLE CLUB.—Opening Shoot, 26th inst., has been Postponed; no targets. P. W. Pearce, hon. sec.

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

THE BRITISH NEW GUINEA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.—COPIES of the PROSPECTUS and Application Forms for shares in the above company can be obtained at all the branches of the Union Bank of Australia Limited throughout Australia and New Zealand. Melbourne, 18th February, 1910.

JUDICIAL AND LAW NOTICES.

AFTER the expiration of 14 days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the WILL of AMELIA MENDES, late of 270 and 272 Coventry-street, South Melbourne, in the said State, widow, deceased, may be granted to Morris Mendes (in the said will called Morris, otherwise Moses Mendes), of 269 Beaconsfield-parade, South Melbourne aforesaid, importer, Louis Mendes, of 272 Coventry-street, South Melbourne aforesaid, ironmonger, and Albert Mendes (in the said will called Aaron Albert Mendes), of 269 Beaconsfield-parade, South Melbourne aforesaid, ironmonger, the executors named in and appointed by the said will.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1910.

COHEN and HERMAN, Citizen's-chambers, 285 Collins-street, Melbourne, proctors for the applicants.

AFTER the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION of the estate of MARY WALKER, late of Tornamurry, in the said State, widow, deceased, intestate, may be granted to John Henry Walker, of Tallangatta, in the said State, grazier, a son and one of the next of kin of the said deceased.

Dated the tenth day of February, 1910.

MAY and LYNE, Tallangatta, proctors for the applicant.

CREDITORS, next of kin, and all others having CLAIMS against the estate of the undermentioned person are required to SEND PARTICULARS thereof to the administratrix, Eliza M'Kenzie, of Murchison, married woman, care of the undersigned, on or before the twentieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and ten, otherwise they may be excluded when the assets are being distributed:—

Name—ELIZABETH HODGE.

Usual Residence—Whroo.

Occupation or Other Description—Widow.

Date of Death of Deceased—Third day of November, 1909.

Dated the 18th day of February, 1910.

JAMES BURT STEWART, proctor, Rushworth.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.—First Part.—Companies Act 1890.—Notice of Intention of a Company to Register a Mortgage Assignment of Lien Charge on Encumbrance.—To the Registrar-General.—I, John Copeland, manager of Copeland's Proprietary Limited, hereby give notice that on the 15th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and ten, the said company by special resolution authorised a charge by way of debentures of the whole of its undertaking and all its property, both present and future, including its uncalled capital for the time being, to Mortimer Franklin, of Elsine, in consideration of having received from the said Mortimer Franklin the following consideration, viz., one thousand pounds (£1000), and that I will, on and after the 15th day of March, 1910, APPLY to the Registrar-General to REGISTER these DEBENTURES, being a charge on the uncalled capital and property as aforesaid of the said company, and I hereby direct that notice of any caveat which may be entered against such registration may be posted, addressed as follows:—Care of M. Franklin, 180 Bourke-street, Melbourne.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1910.

JOHN COPELAND, Manager.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, by THE TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS, AND AGENCY COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND LIMITED, the executor to whom probate of the will of JAMES HENRY ROLLAND, formerly of Blackstone Hill, in the Provincial District of Otago, New Zealand, and recently of Edinburgh, in Scotland, gentleman, deceased, was granted by the Supreme Court of the Dominion of New Zealand, at Dunedin, in the Provincial District of Otago, on the 29th day of November, 1909, that the SEAL of the said Supreme Court of the State of Victoria may be AFFIXED to an exemplification of the said probate.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1910.

DAVIES and CAMPBELL, 287 Collins-street, Melbourne, proctors for the said executor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION of the estate of CATHERINE HEDLEY, late of "Torbolton," Yackandandah, in Victoria, married woman, deceased, intestate, may be granted to Thomas Hedley, of "Torbolton," Yackandandah aforesaid, mining manager, being the husband of the said deceased.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1910.

T. HEDLEY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION of the estate of ARTHUR EDWARD YOUNG, late of Illawarra-road, Hawthorn, in the said State, gentleman, deceased, may be granted to Isabella Young, of Illawarra-road aforesaid, the widow of the said deceased.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1910.

J. M. SMITH and EMMERTON, 352 Collins-street, Melbourne, proctors for the said applicant.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION of the estate of JAMES HOUSTON, late of 88 Sydney-road, Brunswick, in Victoria, carpenter, deceased, intestate, may be granted to William James Houston, of Gerang-road, Elsternwick, labourer, being a son and one of the next of kin of the said deceased.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1910.

JUDICIAL AND LAW NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the LAST WILL and TESTAMENT of DAVID McHARRY, late of Latrobe-terrace, Geelong, in the State of Victoria, gentleman, deceased, may be granted to Adam McHarry, of Lara, in the said State, farmer; Charles William Tayler, of Lara aforesaid, limeburner; and Frederick Band, of Moorabool-street, Geelong aforesaid, jeweller, the executors named therein.

Dated this eighteenth day of February, 1910.

HARWOOD and PINCOTT, 88 Yarra-street, Geelong, proctors for the said executors.

RICHARD GAINGER, Deceased.—Pursuant to the Trusts Act 1890, all persons having CLAIMS against the estate of Richard Gainger, late of Ondit, in the State of Victoria, farmer, deceased, are required to SEND PARTICULARS thereof to Henry Samuel Gainger, of Warrion, in the said State, farmer (the administrator of the unadministered estate of the said deceased, with the will and codicil thereto of the said deceased annexed), on or before the 21st day of March, 1910, after which date the said administrator will distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to claims of which he shall then have had notice, and he will not be answerable for the assets so distributed to any person of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1910.

HARWOOD and PINCOTT, Colac, solicitors to the estate.

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WOMEN AS WORKERS.

IMMIGRATION PROPOSAL.

TRADES-HALL OPPOSITION.

A resolution was submitted at the meeting of the Trades-hall Council last night by Mrs. M. Powell (Shirt and Collar Makers' Union) as follows:—

"That this council views with alarm the proposed action of the manufacturers to bring 1,000 women to Australia, with the object of displacing our own workers, who do not now get nine months regular work in a year."

She stated that from experience she could say that if women workers were brought to Victoria they would not be able to get employment. Should there be three months' work in a factory the employers endeavoured to rush it through in a month. At other periods girls could be seen standing around the workrooms reading books or doing fancywork waiting for something to do. To bring out 1,000 workers to displace the women here would be a cruel shame. (Applause.) The only object of bringing out girls would be to break down the rate of wages. The factory employers did not like paying a minimum of 20/ a week.

A Member.—That's the trouble.

Mrs. Powell.—Some of the immigrants that were coming out were offering to take work at less than was usually paid to Australians. The secretary of their union, who was a cutter, had applied for a position for which £2/5/ was paid, only to find that an immigrant had offered to take it for 30/ a week. The girls who would be likely to come here might have no friends, and they might also be an undesirable class. (Hear, hear.)

Mrs. M. Stellner, in seconding the motion, said that in the shirt and collar factories through slackness of employment during six months of the year, not more than 16/ was averaged by the individual workers all the year round. When the inspectors made up their returns to show the average wages paid in factories the higher remuneration of foremen and forewomen was included. At present there was a dearth of workers in the factories, but for four months last year three factories in Melbourne had few girls. A public meeting of protest against the proposal to bring out girls should be held. (Applause.)

Mr. W. Baker, president of the Clothing Trades Union, stated that the conditions of labour in the trade were very irregular. In the stock portion there was briskness now, making for winter requirements. When this work was completed the men would be put on half-time until the time came round to manufacture for the summer trade. The order portion of the trade also had its busy and dull periods. Women who worked on piece took garments home to manufacture, and overtime was not paid. Overtime was received for work done in the factories. By overtime as much as 10/ a week extra was earned, and this was reckoned in the average that was published by the Factories department as having been earned in the trade.

Mr. Hannah, M.L.A.—If that is done it is fraud.

Mr. Baker.—The employers wanted apprentices and improvers. That was shown in their advertisements.

Mr. M. Strahan (Hotel and Caterers' Employees' Union).—Half a crown a week pay.

Mr. Baker.—They want cheap labour.

On the suggestion of Mr. E. Lewis (Travellers' and Canvassers' Union), it was decided to add to the motion that a deputation wait on the Premier (Mr. Murray) to protest against any female factories hands being brought out.

Mr. H. Carter (secretary of the Clothing Trades' Federation) said that the complaint of the employers that they were unable to get hands was an attempt to conceal what was the whole trouble. The class of workers they wanted was competent hands. There was a lack in this direction, because the employers had neglected their responsibilities in the teaching of apprentices. The indentures that were issued were not worth the paper they were written on. Work was subdivided in the clothing trade, and the apprentices were instructed in only one section. In time these apprentices were put off, and others took their places. As they were incompetent generally, they were unable afterwards to get work, because there might be nothing offering in that section in which they had knowledge.

Mr. A. Long (Boot Trade Union).—It is the same in the boot trade.

Mr. Carter.—The Trades-hall Council should advocate equal pay to females for work performed that was equal with that undertaken by males. (Applause.)

The motion was agreed to.

It was also resolved, on the motion of Mr. O. Blanck (Painters' Union) to bring under the notice of the English trade unions and labour journals the state of the clothing trade in Victoria.

A SYDNEY PROTEST.

SYDNEY, Thursday.—At a meeting of the Sydney Labour Council to-night, Mrs. Dwyer thought it necessary to raise a note of warning against the proposal of the Chamber of Manufactures to import a thousand English girls to work in the Victorian factories. She contended that there were plenty of girls here to do the work, and that the wages paid in respect to mantle-making, underclothing, and skirts were shockingly low. It would, she said, be a dreadful thing to build up our factories on badly-paid girl labour. The worst feature of the scheme was that the Chamber of Manufactures wanted the Prime Minister to embody it in his immigration proposals.

A resolution was carried to write to the labour councils of the other States urging them to place the true facts concerning Australian girl labour conditions before the English labour bodies. It was also resolved to send a protest to the Immigration department against the proposal.

BEAUREPAIRE FUND.

SYDNEY CONTRIBUTION.

SYDNEY, Thursday.—The council of the New South Wales Amateur Swimming Association to-night voted three guineas to the fund to enable Beaurepaire to go to England as the representative of Australia in the English championships.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—It may not be generally known that Frank Beaurepaire is an old boy of a public school. Last year he won the championship events in swimming at Wesley College, and was a member of the football team that won the championship of the public schools. Enclosed please find cheque for two guineas, which was voted by the council of the Old Wesley Collegians' Association towards the fund being raised to enable Beaurepaire to go in quest of the championships of the world.—Yours, &c.,

C. STANTON CROUCH, Hon. Sec. O.W.C.A.

Feb. 17.

[Cheque for £2/2/ received.—Ed. "A."]

"TAKEN BEFORE MEALS."

BENDIGO, Thursday.—An out-patient at the Bendigo Hospital had been given medicine to be taken before meals. He returned to-day with the bottle half empty, and in a worse condition than a week before. When asked why he had not taken all the medicine, he said that it was labelled "To be taken before meals." As he could only get one meal a day he had only taken seven doses.

SUBORNATION CHARGED.

RONALD V. HARPER CASE.

CASE AGAINST HILL.

FURTHER REMARKABLE EVIDENCE.

The hearing of the charge against Patrick Hill, arising out of the recent case of Ronald v. Harper, was resumed before Mr. Cresswell, P.M., at the City Court yesterday morning. The charge against Hill was that between the date of the issue of the writ in the Ronald-Harper case and May 24, 1909, he suborned James Albert Paton, Charles Alfred Paton, Frederick Saxon Siddeley, William Thomas Harrison, Carl H. Gustave Bartling, Frederick Ballingall, James Henry Bredin, Alfred Ernest Bencraft, and Edward Edgar Batchelor to commit wilful and corrupt perjury in the testimony which they gave upon oath at the trial before Mr. Justice Hodges and a jury.

Mr. Purves, with Mr. Bryant and Mr. Woinarski (instructed by the Crown solicitor), appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. Dawson and Mr. Sonenberg for the accused.

Edward Edgar Batchelor, further examined by Mr. Bryant, said:—When Hill asked me if I could get someone to support my evidence, and I said I thought I could, I did not mention any name. I met Hill next day in Collins-street, and he asked me if I had seen my friend yet. I said that I would get him in the course of a week.

Did anything else take place?—We had a drink every time we met. (Laughter.) He spoke of the case, and said I would be all right. On the Friday evening I met Hill and Martin. I told them to wait till I brought my friend. I brought Bredin to them, and introduced him to Hill, saying, "You can tell him what business you want him to do for you." Hill said, "Come on; we'll have a drink." The business was not discussed in my presence. Hill and Bredin went aside, and were talking for 10 minutes. Then Hill shouted another drink. Hill wished us "Good-night," and said to Bredin and me, "Stick to the story, and you will be all right." I asked him if he had a couple of "bob" on him, and he gave me a shilling. (Laughter.)

When did you see Hill again?—Next day Bredin and I met Hill and Martin in Collins-street, and went to Brockett and Kemp's office, and saw Mr. Brockett. Hill introduced Bredin as a friend of mine, who would be a witness in the Ronald v. Harper case. Hill said Bredin had what he had to say written on a piece of paper. Bredin produced the paper, and read out from it. Mr. Brockett copied the statement down. It was about the same story as I had told about the incident in Young and Jackson's bar.

What happened next?—Hill, Bredin, and Brockett went to Davies and Campbell's office. Hill gave me half-a-crown.

You finished with a drink?—No.

It was a dry day? (Laughter.)—Bredin and I went away together.

On Sunday did you meet Hill?—Yes; at Ballingall's boot shop. He said there was a meeting, and if we came along we might have a drink.

You went?—Yes. Bredin was not there. I saw some of the witnesses, whom I did not know. I asked Hill if he wanted to see me. He said, "No; you are all right. Have a drink." I was only there about 10 minutes. I called back later, and met Hill and Martin. They came to where I was living, and met my wife. Hill said to her, "Mr. Batchelor will be all right after this. He will have a few pounds when this is all over." I gave the evidence Hill asked me to, as far as I remember.

You had drinks at the court?—Yes; plenty. I do not know who paid for them. We had lunch also. I was at court three days, and received half-a-sovereign each day.

You had a bad time in the witness-box?—Yes, a very bad time. I did not know what I said till next day.

You met Hill again?—Next day. He said, "You made a nice mess of things." I said, "What do I get for making a Guy Fawkes of myself?" He said, "Everything will be all right as soon as I get paid," and also, "If Robert Harper gives a few more pounds I'll treat all you men well."

Did you see Hill again?—Once or twice I saw him talking to some witnesses. I called him aside, and said, "Have you got fixed up?" He said he had not, but that he had written a letter to Mr. Robert Harper. He said, "I know where you live, and as soon as I get it I can find you. You need not be afraid of me." When I met him again I asked him for money, and he said he had not been paid. The last time I met him was a couple of months after the case. He was going into Richardson's Hotel. I called him aside, and he said, "I have not got anything yet. I'm sorry I can't ask you to have a drink." (Laughter.)

The evidence you gave was untrue?—Yes, as far as I was concerned.

Why did you make that statement?—At the instigation of Hill, who said the story had been told, and Ronald could not deny it. Hill had promised me £20 or more—the amount depended upon what he got from Mr. Robert Harper.

Have you been promised money by the Crown, or immunity from punishment for giving false evidence?—No.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sonenberg, witness said:—I had given evidence once before in my life in the City Court. I was in trouble in Adelaide once for obscene language, and once for assaulting my wife.

Will you swear those were your only convictions?—I can only think of twice.

How many times have you been fined or imprisoned?—I could not say.

Are they so many?—No. I was convicted once in Geelong for resisting the police, and on two other occasions in Victoria, once for obscene language, and another time for being in a hotel on Sunday.

You know the wrong of giving false evidence?—I treated it as a joke; I was drinking. I was too drunk to be in court. Mr. Justice Hodges said my evidence could not be taken. I was too drunk. I did not remember what I said till I was told, and read it in the papers.

Have you gone by any other name?—Only for stage purposes.

What name?—Horace Campbell.

You were drinking when Hill spoke to you?—Yes.

Up to the time of the trial?—Yes. I was drinking till six months ago.

You remember what took place when Hill spoke to you when you were in a muddled state of drink?

Mr. Bryant.—He did not say that.

Mr. Purves.—He said he was muddled.

Mr. Sonenberg.—Were you muddled with anything else?—How could I be? (Laughter.)

Do you remember telling the story in court?—Not till I read it in the paper.

Did you not tell that story in stage fashion, and laugh at the judge and jury?

Mr. Purves.—Laughed at Mr. Justice Hodges? He must have been mad, or drunk. (Laughter.)

Mr. Sonenberg.—He did not laugh long. (To witness.)—Do you remember what took place in court?—I have a sort of recollection through seeing it in the papers, and hearing people talk afterwards.

Witness, further cross-examined, said:—I thought that in giving evidence I was just reciting what another man had said. I never realised what I was doing. That is why I have confessed since.

You thought you were doing nothing wrong?—I did not think at all. I was too drunk. Hill said I was on to a sure £20.

Did you think Hill owed you a debt?—No; I never worried him.

Did you give evidence in the interests of justice?—Hill told me it was a blackmailing case.

When did you confess?—Seven or eight weeks ago.

Did you confess because you had wronged Ronald?—Because I thought I had done a wrong.

How did you go to the detective office?—Detective Sexton asked me what I knew about the case, and I said I would see him at the detective office.

What have you received?—I have borrowed £1 from Detective Burvett.

Mr. Bryant.—He is entitled to be paid for attendance. (To witness, in re-examination.)—Did you sign this receipt for an advance of 10/ on account of court expenses for the money you received from Detective Burvett?—Yes.

Mr. Cresswell.—The story you told at the hearing of the case Ronald v. Harper was untrue?—Yes.

John Howard, salesman, examined by Mr. Purves, said:—I have know Hill about three years. I saw him on Easter Monday night last year. He said, "You are just the party I want to see," and invited me to go for a stroll. I said I was too tired. He said, "It is of importance to you, and is only a matter of a little time." As we walked along together he said, "I suppose you have heard about this Ronald-Harper case?" I said I had, and he said, "I think, "I am Mr. Harper's head man in the affair. You are a man that does a lot of electioneering business, and come in contact with a number of men. There's money in this affair; it will be a good thing for you." He asked me if I could get him a couple of men as witnesses.

Did he say anything about Ronald?—Yes; he said, "You know what Ronald is; he is a terrible blackguard. He is in the habit of going to hotels, and telling filthy yarns."

Did you know Ronald?—Only by sight.

Did you say anything?—I said I had not heard anything about him to that effect.

Hill said to you, "You get me a couple of men"?—Yes. I said, "If I did get you a couple of men they would not know Ronald from a bar of soap." He said, "You get the men; I'll tutor them up."

What did you say?—I said I would think the matter over. I did not take the case seriously. He hinted he would like me as a witness. He said it would be better for me than a dozen elections. He said, "You get the men, and bring them down to the Commercial Club Hotel to-morrow night." I said I would make no promise. I would think the matter over.

He said to you he was principal man for Robert Harper?—He mentioned Robert Harper several times, and said, "He's got tons of money." He also said, "Of course this is confidential. I know what sort of man you are; I know I can trust you." We had a drink at the Commercial Hotel, and he there spoke of Ronald as a man who deserved to be wiped out. We had a drink at the West of England Hotel. Hill paid. As we walked towards my home he said something to the effect that I should take it up myself, and that it was money easily earned. I said I would think it over.

Mr. Sonenberg submitted that this evidence was irrelevant to this charge of suborning these particular witnesses. Intention had nothing to do with this case.

Mr. Purves claimed that the evidence tended to show that the subornation was wilful, also that the meeting at the Commercial Club Hotel referred to by other witnesses had taken place, and that Hill was connected with the Ronald-Harper case.

Mr. Sonenberg claimed that all the evidence should be rejected.

Mr. Cresswell rejected the last part of the evidence.

Witness, further examined, said:—I did not go to the Commercial Club Hotel next evening. I met Hill afterwards. He said, "You were not down the other night. We had a real good time. Willie Harper was there, and others."

Mr. Purves.—You did nothing for him?—No. I never intended to do anything for him.

After the trial, did you meet Hill in Carlton-gardens?—Yes, he caught up to me one day.

Mr. Sonenberg objected to the evidence being given.

Witness (continuing).—I said to Hill, "I see one poor unfortunate wretch has been potted over the Ronald-Harper affair." He said, "Yes. Serve him well right. He made a fool of himself."

Mr. Sonenberg said he understood his worship rejected the evidence of this witness.

Mr. Bryant.—His worship cannot reject the evidence. He says he will not act upon it.

Mr. Sonenberg.—Then I will not cross-examine him.

William Alexander Fettes, architect, examined by Mr. Bryant, said:—Mr. Ronald introduced me to the accused Hill four years ago. Before the actual trial of the case Ronald v. Harper Hill came to my house at Abbotsford. He said——

Mr. Sonenberg objected to any evidence not relating to the subornation of these particular men mentioned in the charge.

Mr. Cresswell.—We will see what it is.

Witness, continuing, said:—Hill said, "You are one of the few men Ronald speaks highly of, and you can settle this Harper-Ronald case." I said, "Ronald will not settle. He wants to go to the Court." Hill said, "Tut, tut! he will take £100."

Mr. Sonenberg.—Is this relevant?

Mr. Bryant.—You will see it is later.

Mr. Cresswell.—So far it is not relevant.

Mr. Bryant.—I must give the whole conversation, and you will see it is relevant.

Witness (continuing).—Hill said, "I can give him £200." I said, "Are you empowered to settle, or are you coming to see what Mr. Ronald will take?" He said that Mr. Harper's son had authorised him, as agent, to settle, as old Mr. Harper was in a very bad state of health over the action. I said, "How did you get in touch with Robert Harper?" He said, "When Sir Bryan O'Loghlen was standing for the first Senate election Robert Harper promised secretly to do all he could to secure Sir Bryan's return. I am a fellow-townsman of Sir Bryan O'Loghlen, and I will never forget his kindness in promising to help Sir Bryan. If I can help him now in this action I will repay that kindness. As soon as Ronald knows I am on Harper's side he will not go any further." I said, "Have you anything to show me that you are authorised?" He took out two memoranda-forms with printed headings, and on each were requests made to call "at the above address." I am satisfied that the forms were Robert Harper's. The memoranda were signed "Harper." I do not know the initial. Hill told me they came from Mr. Robert Harper's son.

Did Hill say anything else?—Hill said, "Oh, I am getting £400. I am going to make £200 myself." I said, "Why not give £400 and get paid by Robert Harper?" He said, "I will make Robert Harper pay independent of anything I am getting out of this." I said, "It is no use my bothering Ronald. I believe an offer has been made of £500 to settle on his wife and children."

Did Hill ask you to see anyone?—He asked me to call on Ronald before the Tuesday following, that being the last day on which the defendant could enter his defence. I said I would not bother. He said, "If he does not settle I'll make him sit up. When the Ronald-Harper case is over and they see the evidence, he will be kicked out of his church." I met Hill on the following Monday or Tuesday in Collins-street casually. He asked me again to go out to Ronald that night, to submit the offer for a settlement. I said I would not bother.

When he told you Harper had promised to do his best for Sir Bryan O'Loghlen, did he say anything else?—Yes, he said he was going to make money out of both sides.

Mr. Sonenberg.—Now, does your worship say any of this is relevant.

Mr. Cresswell.—Yes, it indicates motive, and also shows he had the money to bribe these men. Also, there is evidence of express malice.

The evidence was admitted.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sonenberg.—I had heard Ronald had refused £500, and knew it was useless to offer him £200 to settle the case.

James Henry Bredin, insurance agent, living in Tyne-street, Carlton, examined by Mr. Purves, said:—I first met Hill on May 14 last. Batchelor introduced me to Hill and Martin. Hill shouted a drink. After that Hill called me aside and said, "You know Batchelor?" I said "Yes." Hill said, "You have been to Young and Jackson's with him?" I said "Yes." He said, "I want you to corroborate a story that was told one night. You and he were there." I said, "I cannot remember any particular time I was in Young and Jackson's. What is the story?" He said, "It's a blackmailing case in connection with Robert Harper and Ronald, ex-member." He further said, "There will be plenty who heard it. I want you to corroborate this story." I said, "I'm in a hurry. Batchelor told my wife I would not be five minutes." Hill had something written on a piece of paper, which he gave me, saying, "Look over this, and meet me to-morrow morning at the 'Age' office at 10 o'clock." The paper contained a yarn supposed to have been told by Mr. Ronald in Young and Jackson's hotel. Next day I went to Brockett's office with Hill, Batchelor, and, I think, Martin.

Was anything said why you should go to Brockett's?—I was taken on the hop. I had only seen Hill a few minutes. He said to me, "Tell Brockett the same as in the paper and you will be all right."

Witness, further examined, said:—I made the statement to Brockett. He wrote it down, and I signed the statement. We went to Davies and Campbell's office. I was given a subpoena and 10/. I was at the Court three days, and was provided with lunch and paid 10/ each day. I first saw Ronald in the Court. Hill or Martin pointed him out, and said, "That is Ronald, you'll know him again." I saw Hill the day after the case closed.

What did you expect?—I expected a congratulation over the case. (Laughter.)

Mr. Sonenberg.—Mr. Bryant did not expect that. (Laughter.)

Mr. Bryant.—Did you expect any money?

Mr. Sonenberg said this witness had said nothing about money, and objected to the question.

Mr. Bryant.—Had Hill said what you were to get out of it?—He said I would be well paid. I think that was at the Court on the Monday he said that. I said "I might lose my billet over it," and Hill said, "Oh, you'll soon get another billet. Robert Harper has any amount of money, and employs a lot of hands."

When you saw Hill on the Saturday was anything said about being paid?—Not by Hill.

Did Hill come to your house?—Yes, four or five months after the case. I had written to him. I said when he came, "I wrote in reference to your promise that as soon as you got settled up you would see me all right. You know how I am situated. I am not like the others, chasing you all over the place. I hear you have got a settlement, and I think you ought to come and see me like a gentleman." He said, "Are you going into town?" I said, "Yes." We left to go into town, and on the way he said, "Don't take any notice of what they tell you. I have received nothing." I said, "It is no good talking to me that way. I am not disappointed. I got what I expected after I heard what you were; but I thought I would write to you and tell you what I thought about you, as I can never get a chance to speak to you." He caught my arm and said, "Don't take notice of what they say. Come and have a drink." I said, "I would not drink with you," and then left him.

Did he mention his pension?—He said he had his pension mortgaged to the hilt; that he had backed bills to secure money for the Ronald-Harper case, and the money he received in settlement had gone to pay those. He said he was penniless, and if he got any more all of them would get something, but up till then he was out of pocket.

The further hearing of the case was adjourned till half-past 10 o'clock this morning.

SENSATIONAL DIVING.

ESCAPE FROM CHAINS.

A dash of sensationalism, combined with a free exhibition, accounted for the great assemblage at Queen's-bridge yesterday to witness Houdini, the Opera-house performer, manacled from the waist to the neck, dive into the Yarra. How many people were there it would be difficult to estimate. The event was announced for half-past 1 o'clock, and at that time many thousands swarmed on the west side of the bridge, and took up positions of vantage for a considerable distance along the river wharves. In the crush there were many falls of men, women, and children, but no serious injury resulted to anyone.

Well up to time, Houdini, clad in a bright blue bathing costume, stood on the parapet of the bridge facing the shipping. First, his attendant passed a chain around his neck, and fastened it with a padlock just under his chin, so that it could not be pulled over his head. At the ends of the chain were handcuffs, apparently of the ordinary police type, and these were snapped around his arms. His wrists were next held behind his back with a padlock, and another chain ran to the one about the back of his neck, to which it was joined by a third padlock. Several of the bystanders tested the locks and pronounced them to be secure.

Houdini is an adept at diving. Throwing himself well forward from the bridge, he took a beautiful header, cutting the water clean and with the least possible splash. He was lost to sight after entering the murky water of the Yarra, which at this spot is about 10ft. 8in. deep at low tide, so that the curious were unable to observe how the trick of springing the locks was performed. The crowd watched intently, and, after he had been under water for a few seconds, Houdini reappeared, holding the chains above his head. His feat was rewarded with great cheering. He was taken into the police boat and back to the Opera-house, having, as he stated, enjoyed himself very much, notwithstanding that he had to work in mud up to his armpits to free himself of his chains. He explained that the longest time he had been under water at an exhibition of a similar kind was at Atlantic City, America. His greatest dive was into the breakers at Santiago, California, when he dropped from his toes a distance of 86ft. Yesterday's dive was 20ft. from the parapet of the bridge to the surface of the water. The weight of the chains and locks which he carried was about 25lb.

MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT.

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING.

FORMS AVAILABLE TO-DAY.

The forms for use in connection with the registration of motor-cars and motor-cycles, and the licensing of drivers, under the provisions of the new Motor-car Act, have now been prepared by the commissioner of police (Mr. O'Callaghan), and they can be secured to-day from Melbourne police stations. Forms will be forwarded to country police stations as soon as possible.

Under the regulations, owners of motor vehicles will be required to fill in applications for registration. In so doing, they must accurately describe their car or cycle. Subsequently they will have to produce their vehicle before a police officer, and secure his certificate that the description is accurate. The constable will endorse the description, and himself forward the application form to the commissioner. The owner will then have to send the registration fee (£1 per annum for a car and 2/6 for a cycle), to the commissioner, and he will furnish in return a certificate of registration.

The new act provides that no person should drive a motor car or cycle unless he is licensed to do so. To secure a license, a driver must forward an application to the commissioner of police, accompanied by a declaration from some recognised body such as the Automobile Club or the Motorcycle Club, or from a police constable, stating that the applicant is a competent driver. The commissioner, if satisfied on that point, will send the license to the police station nearest the residence of the applicant, and the latter will be required to sign the license paper in the presence of a constable. The annual license fee for drivers is 2/6.

The motor regulations recently explained in "The Argus" will be adopted by the Executive Council to-day. It is probable that the first few registration numbers for cars will be reserved for the use of the Governor-General and the Governor's garages. Special constables will be on duty at the Russell-street police station to-day to deal with applications for registration and licensing forms.

THE RAILWAYS.

GOODS TRAIN'S RECORD.

A DENIAL.

A complaint from Pakenham that stock trucked at 5 p.m. on Monday at Pakenham, for Tuesday's market at Melbourne, did not reach Melbourne until half-past 10 a.m. on Tuesday, was referred to the Railway authorities yesterday. A reply was given that the statement was not correct, and that the last lot of sheep was delivered at a quarter-past 6 a.m.

OUTER CIRCLE LINE.

The recommendation of the Railways Standing Committee that the outer circle railway be reopened from Deepdene to East Kew stations only, subject to the Railway Commissioners being guaranteed against loss up to £216 per annum, was the subject of considerable discussion at a large meeting of ratepayers held in the Kew Town-hall last evening.

The Mayor (Councillor W. G. Hiscock), who presided, stated that the recommendation of the committee was a disappointment to the ratepayers of Kew. The reopening of the line to Fairfield would be of great benefit, whereas a reopening merely to East Kew would be of little value. The rateable value of the property which would be affected by the committee's recommendation was £3,312, and the guarantee asked for would necessitate a rate of 1/4. The council was not agreeable to giving the guarantee.

Mr. Swinburne, M.L.A., said that the Cabinet had backed down from the promise it had made. If a guarantee was given in regard to the working expenses the situation would be improved.

After considerable discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Wishart, seconded by Councillor Weir:—

"That this meeting of ratepayers is of opinion that the recommendation of the Railways Standing Committee regarding the proposed opening of the Outer Circle railway is altogether inadequate for the requirements of the district. The meeting cannot recommend the acceptance of the proposition contained in clause 8 of the committee's report, but trusts that the promises made by the Premier and the Minister for Railways for the reopening of the Deepdene-Fairfield section will be carried into effect, at a guarantee not exceeding £1,000."

The resolution will be reported to the Minister by a deputation.

GENERAL NEWS.

A meeting of the trustees of the Public Library was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. Gyles Turner presiding. There were also present Dr. Leeper, Mr. Molesworth R. Greene, Dr. Fitchett, Mr. J. Mather, Sir William Zeal, Mr. Murray Smith, Mr. Edward Carlile, Mr. J. Ford Robertson, Lieut.-Colonel Reay, Dr. Joske, and Mr. J. E. Mackey. A report of the committee appointed to inquire into the disaffection on the library staff was adopted, and it was ordered that a copy be sent to the Chief Secretary. A loan of pictures was granted on the usual terms to the Free Library and Burke Museum at Beechworth. Leave of absence for twelve months was given to Mr. Edward Carlile, K.C., who is about to visit Europe.

In reply to inquiries, the secretary to the Central Postal Administration (Sir Robert Scott) has been informed that the 3½d. per word press rate for cable messages between Australasia and Vancouver applies only to messages between those places, and not messages from America directed to any other portion of British North America.

BOOKS WHOLESALE.

Cole's Wholesale Book Department is between Little and Great Collins streets (basement). It contains a million books in 2,000 cases on shelves, ready for sale. Call and see them.—[Advt.]

COUNTRY NEWS.

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT.

Mr. R. M'Gregor, M.L.A., has been informed by the Railway department that there is no intention to suspend operations on the Newtown-Beeac line, pending a settlement of the question of deviation.

BENDIGO AND DISTRICT.

A bush fire broke out at the Blind Creek, Sedgwick, on Wednesday night, and did considerable destruction before it was suppressed in the early hours of Thursday morning. Councillor Drechsler lost between 200 and 300 acres of grass and fencing, Mr. George Lowe lost between 600 and 700 acres of grass, and Mr. T. Trethewey had a good deal of fencing burnt. The fire ran through a big stretch of the State forest.

GEELONG AND DISTRICT.

At last meeting of the town council a resolution was carried authorising the council to float a loan of £3,000 to carry out urgent repairs in Barwon Ward. Notice of motion has now been given by Councillor E. G. Gurr for a call of the whole council for Monday, April 4, to rescind the resolution. He contends that if the loan is floated the council can not legally expend the money in making private roads and footpaths, which must be constructed at the expense of the ratepayers whose properties abut on such streets and footways.

The Rev. Robert Kelly, superintendent of Geelong West Methodist Circuit, and whose term expires in April, 1911, has accepted an invitation to the superintendency of the Flemington and Essendon circuit for next year, to reside at Moonee Ponds.

CASTLEMAINE.

Mr. H. W. Pedler has been appointed chairman of the local Employers' and Traders' Association. At its annual meeting the association decided to affiliate with the Victorian Storekeepers' and Traders' Association.

PERSISTENT PROFESSORS.

QUEENSCLIFF, Thursday.—An attack is being made on the world's endurance roller skating record by "Professor" W. Eckard at the local skating rink. Commencing at a quarter-past 5 a.m. to-day, "Professor" Eckard proposes to skate continuously until half-past 11 on Saturday—66¼ hours in all. The previous record, made by the same performer in Geelong, was 66 hours. At the same place, "Professor" B. Higginbotham, champion piano player, started at 6 p.m. in an endeavour to beat his record of 53 hours' continuous playing.

DOOKIE. — The recent Roman Catholic bazaar yielded a profit of over £300.—The Agricultural and Pastoral Society's summer fodder crop competition resulted:—John F. Fortune, Yundool, 1; W. R. Down, Dookie, 2; L. E. Sim, Dookie, 3.

HEALESVILLE.—The Tourist Association received a letter from the Metropolitan Board of Works in reference to the Mount Juliet track, stating that the old zig-zag track would be cleared and made passable for tourists.—At the last meeting of the shire council the proposal to divide the shire into ridings was defeated.

MORTLAKE.—At the Mortlake Police Court on Wednesday, before Messrs. Montgomery, Graham, and Heron, and Dr. Sweetnam, J.P.'s, Edward English was charged with the larceny of a bottle of whisky, the property of Bruce Keating, licensee of the Hotel Woorndoo. The evidence of Constable M'Ivor, Bruce Keating, and the licensee's wife showed that the accused, who was on a drunken spree, had taken the whisky while the licensee and his wife were at tea. He had been refused drink, at the instance of the constable. English and two others had spent £6 in drink. Accused, who admitted the offence, was fined 10/, having already been in gaol for five days.

ROCHESTER.—On Wednesday evening, at the Shire-hall, a welcome social was accorded the Revs. T. Adamson, of Melbourne, and H. Worrall, of Bendigo, who visited the town in connection with the erection of the new Methodist Church. Councillor P. Doherty, the shire president, was in the chair, and addresses were delivered by the visiting and local clergymen.

ST. ARNAUD.—Mr. W. Perry, who is leaving for the Ouyen district, was entertained on Monday evening, and presented with a purse of sovereigns.—Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, of Conooer-bridge, have been presented with mementoes prior to their departure from the district.

YARRAWONGA.—Mr. E. Bott, of Bull Plain, has received promises of 77 bags of wheat for the funds of the Corowa Hospital.—Councillor A. J. M'Dougall has been elected president of the Bowen Shire Council, with an allowance of £50.

MARSH DIVORCE CASE.

The hearing of the case Marsh v. Marsh was continued before Mr. Justice Hodges and a jury of 12 yesterday, when the case for the respondent was opened. Mrs. Marsh denied all her husband's allegations. She stated that she had not asked Santos to do the house up. She believed her husband paid for part of it. He then wanted to sell it, but she told him he would only have to pay rent elsewhere. He said, "Well, if you won't sell it I won't spend any more on it unless you transfer it to my name." She refused, and petitioner said, "I suppose that foreigner is at the bottom of it." He used to rush about the house, pulling the blinds down, and rave, saying that he would not pay another shilling unless the house was transferred to him. He accused her of carrying on with other men, and once he said to his son, "Look here, Stanley, if you stick up for your mother again I'll brain you!" She interfered, and her husband told her to clear out and go down to Santos. When he repeated that Mr. Santos was preventing her transferring the house she brought Santos to see him. Her husband said to him, "I get into a temper sometimes, and say things I do not mean." The trouble went on until he refused to give her the money for a payment for the house which had fallen due, and she had to borrow £2/5/6 from Mr. Santos. Almost daily her husband accused her of infidelity. He told her one day to go to a football match, and on her return home she found he had taken the furniture and gone. Still he used to come to see her almost daily. She made various attempts to make it up with him. She had never misconducted herself with Williams, whom the petitioner had himself brought to the house. On the occasion upon which the revolver was mentioned she was at Santos's house. Her husband came towards the house, and called out "Come outside! Come outside!" Santos replied, "I'll outside you!" Her husband ran away. No revolver was used. She and her children used to go to Santos's place for fruit and flowers.

The Court at this stage adjourned till 10 o'clock the following morning.

BOWLS.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS' TOURNAMENT.

This important event was commenced yesterday afternoon on the St. Kilda and Victoria greens, and there was a fair attendance at both places to witness the play. At St. Kilda D. Gravell, of the Williamstown club, put up a fine performance against Dr. MacGillicuddy, the Richmond Union champion, scoring 21 points to 9. At Victoria there was only one game played, W. H. Cooper (S.M.C.C.) defeating A. Jamieson, of Collingwood, by 21 points to 22. The games will be continued next Thursday on greens to be selected. The following are the results of yesterday's play:—

ON ST. KILDA GREEN.

F. P. Le Page (Chelt.), w.o., J. S. Wasley (Cam.), absent.
C. M. Pickard (Pra.), 21, beat E. A. Trickett (M.C.C.), 15.
H. Mitchell (P. Pk.), 21, beat A. Walker (Pres.), 12.
D. Gravell (Wtn.), 21, beat Dr. MacGillicuddy (R.U.), 9.
R. J. Woods (Victoria), w.o., E. J. Robinson (Arm.), absent.

ON VICTORIA GREEN.

W. H. Siddall (E. Dist.), w.o., G. H. Talbot (Ddg.), absent.
F. R. Waters (St. Pk.), w.o., J. E. Kimberley (F. and E.M.), absent.
Dr. F. J. Flanagan (M. Ponds), w.o., D. A. Conor (Haw.), absent.
W. H. Cooper (S.M.C.C.), 21, beat A. Jamieson (Coll.), 22.

VICTORIAN LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

The second round of the Champion Rink Competition for the "Punch" Shield was played on Wednesday afternoon on the Brighton Beach green, with the following result:—

Brighton Beach, 18, beat S.M.C.C., 16.
Auburn, 22, beat Middle-park, 13.
South Melbourne, 23, beat Fitzroy and East Melbourne, 16.

The third round will be played next Wednesday on the Fitzroy green, the draw being as follows:—Auburn v. Brighton Beach, South Melbourne v. S.M.C.C., Middle-park v. Fitzroy and East Melbourne.

S.M.C.C. ELECTRIC LIGHT TOURNAMENT.

The following are the results of last night's play:—

Barton (Vic.), 24, beat Hartham (Moreland), 22; M'Donald (Haw.), 15, beat Kelly (R.U.), 9; Barr (N.M.C.), 18, beat Kenny (St. K.), 15; Thackeray (S.M.C.C.), 22, beat Fricke (Ash.), 17; Leith (R. Mel.), 21, beat Hewlett (S.M.), 13; Slatter (S.M.C.C.), 18, beat Jackson (R.U.), 13; Patrick (Cant.), 18, beat Murphy (P.M.), 12; Crawley (Car.), 20, beat Stephens (Cant.), 13.

Winners play winners again to-night.

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. Regatta at St. Kilda. See illustrations in "The Australasian," Saturday, Feb. 19.