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TOWN AND COUNTRY NEWS.

MORPETH ELECTION.—As soon as the poll closed on Tuesday afternoon, a large crowd began to collect in front of the police office, Morpeth, which gradually increased until half-past five o'clock, when the poll was officially declared, at which time the multitude assembled could not have numbered less than five hundred persons. Immediately on the arrival of the state of the poll from Hinton and Largs, the returning-officer, G. E. Middleton, Esq., attended by the two candidates and their friends, ascended the hustings, and officially announced the result. For Mr. Cohen, 312; for Mr. Buchanan, 210; majority for Mr. Cohen, 102. The announcement was received with hisses, hooting, and other discordant sounds, intermixed with some cheers.

WELLINGTON ELECTION.—By a statement that has reached Sydney, we find that the result of this election is in favour of Mr. Daniel, by a majority of 119. The totals stand—For Mr. Daniel 165, and Mr. Garland 46.

VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY CORPS.—Some fifty or sixty gentlemen, interested in the formation of this corps, met on Wednesday afternoon at the Metropolitan Hotel, Pitt-street. The chair was taken by Mr. William Macleay, and sundry resolutions were proposed and adopted by those present;—amongst others, the appointment of a committee, consisting of Messrs. Deffell, Waugh, Cape, Dumaresque, Macleay, Fitzpatrick, and Ronald, to prepare a code of rules for the guidance of the corps, and to receive the names of those willing to enlist. It was resolved that all gentlemen joining the corps before the 1st of September next should be considered the original members of the corps. Several useful suggestions were made by the gentlemen present, and, on the whole, the meeting was a most successful one.

REDFERN MUNICIPALITY.—A public meeting of the inhabitants of this municipality was held last night, at the Welcome Inn, Pitt and Redfern streets, for the purpose of expressing an opinion upon the misapplication of the rates. About sixty persons were present. Mr. L. Morgan was called to the chair. After a somewhat lengthy debate, a committee was formed to frame resolutions to be submitted to a public meeting to be held at a future date.

SURVEY OFFICE.—The following appointments have been made: Mr. Edward Twynam, to be a surveyor of the first class, on the permanent staff of the Survey Department; Mr. J. H. Wood, to be a surveyor of the second class; Mr. J. G. Mullen, to be description writer; and Messrs. C. E. Finch and C. E. Bayly to be supernumerary draftsmen.

EDEN.—Patrick John Murray, Esq., has been appointed police magistrate, and Mr. John Marshall Walker clerk of Petty Sessions.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.—A meeting of the Jockey Club was held on Monday afternoon, at the Club Rooms, O'Brien's Hotel, Pitt-street. The first business brought under notice had reference to the repairs of the Grand Stand, for which a tender was accepted, and directions given that the work should be proceeded with immediately. The Club next proceeded to discuss a proposition for allowing the use of the course to the competitors in the champion race. The motion was qualified by certain conditions under which the privilege should be conceded; but although a lengthy discussion ensued, and the proposal was submitted in a variety of shapes to meet objections which were raised, the Club were unable to come to a decision, and the question consequently stands over for the present. Several members, it would appear, though strongly opposed to anything which would have the effect of damaging the course, or of turning it into a mere training ground, are nevertheless in favour of giving each horse one gallop over it prior to the day of racing. To this extent, in all probability, the indulgence will be limited. But, as we have already intimated, the proposition stands over for

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MEETING OF JOURNEYMEN BAKERS.—This meeting, which was called by advertisement in the daily papers, was held in the School of Arts on Monday evening. The meeting was very well attended by the parties interested, whilst on the platform attended a number of the foremost promoters of social reform. Among them we may mention the Hon. Mr. Bland, M.L.C.; Mr. J. H. Plunkett, M.L.A.; Mr. Henry Parkes, M.L.A.; Mr. Windeyer, M.L.A.; the Rev. Dr. Lang, M.L.A.; the Rev. G. King, the Rev. W. Cuthbertson, and Dr. Berncastle. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Pemell, M.L.A. who stated that previous to proceeding to the business of the meeting, it might be proper for him to read to the meeting some letters which had been received by the secretary. The first was from Mr. Justice Wise, the second from the venerable Archdeacon M'Encroe, the third from the Rev. J. Voller, and the fourth from the Rev. Mr. Stanley. All these letters evinced great sympathy in the movement, and a desire to promote it in every way; but from separate causes the writers explained they were unable to be present on the occasion. The following resolutions were unanimously assented to by the meeting. Proposed by Mr. Plunkett, and seconded by Dr. Bland, "That the complaints of the journeymen bakers, as to the effect of night-work, and long hours in injuring their health, and shortening their lives, are fully borne out by medical research, and that the public at large be invited to co-operate in the humane effort now being made to substitute day-work of twelve hours, from four o'clock in the morning to four o'clock in the evening, for the present system of night-work and unlimited hours." By the Rev. George King, seconded by the Rev. W. Cuthbertson "That Sunday-work being contrary to the Commandments of God, and the law of the land, degrading to men, preventing their attending religious duties, and otherwise causing numerous evils, should be abolished." By Mr. H. Parkes and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Lang. "That to promote the early and complete abolition of Sunday work and night work, it is necessary to collect information on the subject, and place it before the public, and for this object, that an Association be formed consisting of the requisitionists of this meeting. That the chairman, movers, seconders, and supporters of resolutions, form a committee, with power to add to their numbers and admit members."

MEETING OF MASTER BAKERS.—A meeting took place on Thursday afternoon, at the Gardeners' Arms, in York-street. About the time when the master bakers proposed to meet, a number of the journeymen, proceeded in a body to the room where the meeting was held, but although the speeches of the master bakers displayed the most conciliatory spirit, there was a series of coarse rudeness in the interruptions which were made by some, which, while it could only damage their own cause, could only damage more statements at the meeting at the School of Arts, where they did not appear on the platform, but where advocates in their cause addressed the meeting. At a very early hour in the afternoon the room was so crowded with journeymen bakers that it was difficult for a master baker to get a seat. Mr. Alexander Smail was called to the chair, and read the advertisement convening the meeting. The principal speakers on the occasion were—Messrs. Smail (chairman), Holmes, Wilkie, Shadler, Freehill, Bones, J. Hamilton, Weir, G. Hamilton, Quealey, W. Hamilton, Carmichael, Hardy, Gaffney, and Williamson. The whole tenor of the speeches were in direct contradiction to those made by the journeymen bakers at their meeting on Monday last.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—The usual fortnightly meeting of the City Council was held in the Town Hall, Wynyard-square, on Monday afternoon. Present:—His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Sutherland, Speer, Broughton, Williams, Smithers, Caldwell, Northwood, Caraher, Watson, Sutton, Cur-in, and M'Kown. The following health report was read:—

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Northwood, Caraher, Watson, Sutton, Cur-is, and M'Kown. The following health report was read:—

City Council Chambers, Sydney.
Health Officer's Department, August 6th, 1860.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to report as follows on the state of public health in the city since your last meeting.

Period.	Adults.	Children under five years.	Total.
Fourth week in July	19	41	60
First week in August	13	28	41
Total	32	70	102

The epidemic influenza has quite subsided, but mortality among children in the last week in July was very high; twenty-three died from measles, and a great proportion of the remainder from affections of the lungs.

During the past week, although the weather has been exceedingly wet, yet disease and mortality among children has greatly diminished. Of the twenty-nine deaths, only eight were from measles; the others were ordinary diseases incidental to infantile life.

I shall not again trouble you with further special reports, as you will perceive that the public health is improving. In my next quarterly report I will lay before you all the statistical information on these subjects which is in my power to obtain.

I have the honor to be, &c.
HENRY GRAHAM, Officer of Health.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The first of a course of lectures in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association was delivered on Monday evening in the Hall of Temperance, by the Rev. Thomas Smith, the subject being "Havelock, or Religion in the School, Camp, and Battle Field." Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather the Hall was comfortably filled.

THE BLOOD STOCK PER ARDMILLAN.—An immense number of persons assembled on the north-western side of the Circular Quay on Tuesday afternoon, to witness the landing of the blood-stock imported by the Ardmillan, from London. The disembarkation occupied a considerable time, but was effected without the slightest accident or casualty, all the arrangements being under the immediate superintendence of the importer, Mr. William Burt, who in respect to this shipment has been most fortunate. Notwithstanding that the voyage had been lengthy, and occasionally tempestuous, the animals have all reached the colony in splendid condition; there is scarcely a scratch or abrasure, in fact, on any one of them. They were a little frisky on reaching *terra firma*, some of them plunging and kicking out at the spectators in a playful but withal dangerous style. Their pedigree show them to be of first-class breed, and they will, in all probability, realize handsome prices when submitted to sale towards the close of the current month. The draught stallions, in particular, were highly admired, one well-known and competent judge of stock pronouncing them to be the finest animals of the kind that have reached the colony for many years past. The shipment comprises the following eight, viz.: Rattau, a two-year old b. c. by Sweetmeat, out of Coquette; Alamode, two-year old b. f., by Lanecrot, out of the Dowager; Protector, a magnificent chestnut horse, four-years old, by Safeguard, out of Idleness; Rolando, a brown stallion, four-years old, by Roland, out of a half-bred mare; Hercules, a three-year old, coaching stallion, by Hereford; and three cart stallions—Gloucester, Ajax, and Sydney. The whole are now comfortably stabled at Mr. Burt's Bazaar, in Pitt-street. The Ardmillan has also brought another valuable addition to the stock of the colony, in the shape of twenty-seven South-down rams. These have likewise reached Sydney in the best of health and condition.

COXONER'S INQUEST.—The following inquests have been held during the week:—On Saturday, on the body of a child named Arthur Henry Case, aged fifteen months, who died from exhaustion the result of a scald; on the body of a woman named Mary Wilson, aged thirty-two years, who died from disease the result of intemperate habits; on the body of a boy named Henry Harrison, aged seven years, found dead in a well in his father's yard. On Monday, on the body of a man named Francis Malone, aged seventy-five years, who died from natural causes. On Tuesday, on the body of an illegitimate child named Annett Wilson, aged two years, who died

on Tuesday, on the body of an illegitimate child named Annett Wilson, aged two years, who died from bronchitis and intestinal fever. On Wednesday, on the body of a little boy named William James Brad, aged five years and six months, who died from inflammation of the lungs the result of an attack of measles; on the body of an Artilleryman named Alexander Tennant, aged twenty-seven years, who died suddenly from disease of the heart.

LECTURE.—A lecture on "History—its charms and lessons," was delivered on Tuesday evening at the School of Arts, by Mr. H. Milford. The attendance, was tolerably good. Dr. Walker occupied the chair.

THE BISHOP OF SYDNEY.—His Lordship returned from his visitation tour on Saturday evening, accompanied by Mrs. Barker, and appears to be in very good health. On Monday afternoon, previous to the monthly meeting of the committee of the Church Society, the following address was presented to him. It was signed by the Dean and Canons, the parochial clergy, and churchwardens of most of the city and suburban parishes, and a considerable number of the influential laity of the Church. It was presented by his Excellency Sir William Denison, who was one of the subscribers.

To the Right Reverend Frederick, Lord Bishop of Sydney, and Metropolitan of the Province of Australasia.

My Lord Bishop,—We, the undersigned clergy and laity of your Lordship's diocese, desire to take this opportunity of welcoming you on your return from your first metropolitan visitation of the sister dioceses of Tasmania, Adelaide, and Melbourne; and we rejoice to learn that your health, which was impaired at the time of your departure from us, is now restored.

We have heard with much interest of your Lordship's proceedings in the adjoining colonies, and of the cordial feelings evinced by our fellow-Churchmen in those colonies towards you as their Metropolitan.

The good effects of that interchange of sentiment and affection which has thus been promoted between those who, though formed into separate branches, are nevertheless members of one and the same Church, cannot but be evident. One result which we hope for is the drawing together in closer bonds of unity and brotherly love the members of the Church throughout the province, and the growing strength and energy of the whole body for doing the work of Christ in these Australian lands.

Eagerly praying that the Great Head of the Church may be pleased to send down upon it a more abundant measure of His Holy Spirit, to the increase of true godliness and the advancement of His kingdom; and assuring your Lordship of our sincere desire to co-operate with you in promoting the usefulness and prosperity of our Church, alike in our several parishes, and in the diocese at large,

We remain, my Lord Bishop, &c.

His Lordship returned the following reply, intimating at the same time his intention of giving to the members of the Church of England, after his return from the diocese of Newcastle, which he purposes visiting next month, some account of the principal matters which have appeared to be of general interest to the Church during his visitation.

My dear Brethren,—I have received your kind address with much satisfaction, and offer you my most cordial thanks for the welcome you have given to me on the occasion of my safe return from my metropolitan visitation.

That visitation has been fraught with interest to me as the Metropolitan, and, I trust, has not been without use to me as the Bishop of this Diocese.

I have been everywhere received with kindness, and treated with confidence; and as my aim and desire have been to unite and edify the Church of Christ, I trust it will please our Divine Lord to accept and bless my endeavours to minister to the members of his mystical body.

I return amongst you with feelings of thankfulness for the privileges I enjoy in your regard, and affection, and co-operation; and with the fervent prayer that I may be still more helpful to you and to all the members of our beloved Church in this diocese than I can have hitherto been.

I remain, &c., F. SYDNEY.

MR. PARKER'S LECTURE.—A lecture was delivered on Thursday evening, at the Temperance Hall, by Mr. Parkes, M.L.A., "On the late James Silk Buckingham as a friend to British progress." Although the weather was very inclement, the Hall was well filled. Mr. Plunkett, M.L.A., was in the chair.

BOMBALA.—A public meeting of the inhabitants of Maneroo was held at the court-house, Bombala, on the 30th July, for the purpose of discussing the propriety of recommending the Government to open up the old line of road from Twofold Bay to Maneroo. It was very numerously attended, and there were

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up the old line of road from Twofold Bay to Maneroo. It was very numerously attended, and there were present the representatives of the different interests in the district, who entered very warmly into the proposal.

FUNERAL RITES.—On Wednesday morning a mass for the dead was performed in St. Mary's Cathedral by the Very Rev. Dean O'Connell. The service was for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Bernard Daly, who died on Monday last at St. Vincent's Hospital, of lingering consumption. Nearly all the Catholic clergy of Sydney assisted in the ceremonies, which attracted a considerable congregation.

RANDWICK VOLUNTEER RIFLES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting called to draw up rules and by-laws for this institution was held on Tuesday in the Council House at Randwick, and rules and by-laws were proposed, amended, and passed. The parties interested have the cordial approbation of the authorities.

A FRESH IMPORTATION OF STOCK FROM ENGLAND.—There were landed on Wednesday from the British Merchant, four very superior bulls, and two magnificent heifers of the Durham breed, some remarkably fine South Down sheep, and one boar, imported by Messrs. Solomon, Vinden, and Co., and Mr. Otto Baldwin. Two fine Hereford bulls for the Clarence River district were also landed from the same vessel. The whole arrived in excellent order owing to the admirable arrangements made for ensuring their safe transit; in fact we have never yet seen such perfect and complete arrangements in any other vessel. From the Ardmillan were landed twelve merino rams of a very superior class, both as regards fleece and carcase, imported for Henry O'Brien, Esq. Breeders and admirers of first-class stock should inspect them prior to their departure for their destinations. The whole are on view at Martyn's Bazaar, Pitt-street.

TAMWORTH, August 3.—A fire broke out in the stores and premises of Mr. John Barnes, of this township, on Thursday night. By the time the discovery was made the whole was burnt to the ground, and no clue has been discovered as to its cause. The premises were occupied as a general store and public-house. The property was partially insured in the Sydney Insurance Company.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL COMMUNICATION.—Mr. G. Brackenreg and Mr. J. Robertson have been appointed station masters; also, Mr. Arnold Elliott, to be junior operator at the electric telegraph station, Albury.

CROWN LANDS.—George Markham, Esq., has been appointed a Commissioner of Crown Lands for the purpose of reporting upon and assessing the grazing capabilities of runs of Crown lands, for the district of New England.

PETTY SESSIONS.—Ballina and Lismore have been appointed places for the holding of Courts of Petty Sessions under the Act 3 Wm. IV., No. 3.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.—The meeting, called at the Exchange Rooms on Saturday, of gentlemen ready to enlist in a volunteer corps, proved an entire failure. One or two earnest individuals attended, but felt that they had been hoaxed. If any movement is to take place, it should be known whence it emanates. Anonymous advertisements will never effect the object.

TEMPERANCE MEETING, BALMAIN.—A numerous assemblage, mostly juvenile, met on Wednesday evening, at the School of Arts, Balmain, for the purpose of meeting in a fraternal spirit, a deputation from the Sydney Band of Hope. Mr. R. Ronald presided. After a brief address from Mr. Holdsworth, the evening was entirely devoted to recitations from Shakspeare, Scutt, Byron, Longfellow, &c.

ALARM OF FIRE.—About a quarter to ten on Wednesday night, a report was brought to the station of the Insurance Companies' Brigade that a fire was burning on the premises of Messrs. Bergin and M'Mahon, grocers, Brickfield-hill. The engine was immediately taken to the spot, with the firemen of the above brigade, but happily the fire was subdued without the necessity of putting the engine to work. Several of the members of the No. 1 Volunteers were present to render assistance should it be required.

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NOMINATION AT BRAIDWOOD.—A correspondent informs us that the nomination of a member to take the place in the Legislative Assembly of Mr. F. A. Cooper, resigned, came off on Wednesday, the 1st instant, on the hustings before the Court-house. The attendance was rather numerous, considering the short notice given to the electors, and everything went off most agreeably— if we except some little disturbance on the part of two or three parties who had been indulging rather freely, and who seemed ripe for fun at whatever cost. At noon, the appointed hour, the Returning-officer (Mr. H. Wallace) mounted the hustings, and having read the writ, requested the electors to give a fair, impartial, and patient hearing to all the speakers. The gentlemen proposed as candidates were—Captain Merion Moriarty, Mr. J. B. Milford, Mr. James Larmer, Mr. Joseph Taylor, and Mr. S. Richardson. The show of hands was declared in favour of Mr. Larmer, and a poll was demanded by Captain Moriarty.

ANOTHER FLOOD AT MORUYA.—Nearly all the low lands lying along the course of the Moruya have been flooded, and very serious damage—in some cases irreparable—done to the breadth of young wheat which lately looked so thriving and luxuriant. All communication between the different settlements has been suspended more or less, and with the outlying districts essentially so, for several days; the nature and amount of the losses incurred are, therefore, as yet unknown. The flood has subsided considerably since last night, when it reached its maximum.—*Lismore Mercury*, August 5.

MURRAY VALLEY VINEYARD COMPANY.—The company has appointed Mr. John Fraunfelder, superintendent. Fifty acres are to be fenced, and twenty acres cleared and planted this season. A house is to be built for the overseer, and already a large number of men have been temporarily engaged on the land.—*Albany Banner*.

FORGERY.—We understand that a telegraphic dispatch was received from Sydney on Thursday last, stating that a promissory note, purporting to be signed by Messrs. G. Lee and W. King, had been presented for payment at one of the metropolitan banks. The note turns out to be a most impudent forgery, and prompt measures have been taken in order to bring the perpetrator of the crime to justice; but we regret to say that, owing to the accident which happened to the telegraph on Friday, the necessary communications were much retarded.—*Bathurst Times*.

TRAFFIC TO THE SNOWY.—The *Southern Post* reports that traffic towards the Snowy River is still on the increase. Passengers and bullock teams are constantly arriving from Adelaide, the average time occupied in the journey being about fourteen weeks. Numerous other parties are reported to be on their way up.

GLEN QUINN, NAOMI RIVER, August 1st.—Since I wrote last, (says a correspondent,) owing to the difficulty of travelling from the shocking state of the roads, we have not had a mail for fourteen days. To travel is out of the question, as it rained up here four days incessantly, rising the river bank high. It is now, however, subsiding a little. On a late visit to Wee Wee, I was agreeably surprised to see the improvement that had taken place, it having been transformed into a village of some importance. Numerous neat buildings have sprung up, which throw the old wigwams in the shade. The first in order is a building of large dimensions, an inn, which is now licensed, and must have been erected at a considerable expense. It stands close to the main line of road, and facing the court house, and contains ample accommodation for doing a thriving trade. At the present time, our district is exemplary for peace and good order, no desperados having troubled us since the capture and conviction of that nondescript known by the cognomen of "Chummy," a horse-stealer, who is now paying the penalty of his mal-practices in penal servitude, thanks to our zealous and indefatigable P.M., who captured him after a pursuit of some two hundred miles. A resident police magistrate is, without doubt, required in these districts, if for no other purpose than to keep proper subordination amongst the police, and keep them to

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districts, if for no other purpose than to keep proper subordination amongst the police, and keep them to their duty.

THE SEPARATION MOVEMENT AT GRAFTON.—On the afternoon of Tuesday, the 24th ultimo, a public meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton and the Clarence district was held in the Assembly Rooms, Grafton, the Mayor in the chair. The first resolution was proposed by Mr. R. Bligh, J.P., and seconded by Mr. J. E. Chapman, "That this meeting is of opinion that it is desirable that the Clarence and Richmond districts be separated from the colony of New South Wales." Carried, with eleven dissentients. The second resolution was proposed by Mr. T. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. A. Hitchins, "That this meeting is of opinion that steps should be taken to form these districts into a separate colony." Carried almost unanimously. An amendment was proposed by Mr. C. J. Walker, J.P., and seconded by the Rev. A. Selwyn, "That this meeting is of opinion that it is desirable to petition her Majesty the Queen for a separate colony; but that if, from any reason, that cannot be obtained, annexation to Queensland, with reservation in favour of the ultimate formation of a new colony." The amendment was rejected by a large majority. The third resolution was proposed by Mr. C. G. Tindal, and seconded by Mr. R. Payne:—"That a committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, be appointed to prepare a petition to the Queen, embodying the above resolutions, and that a subscription be entered into to defray the expenses of the same. Mr. T. Fisher, treasurer; Messrs. S. Avery, Bowden, R. Bligh, D. Campbell, Coles, W. Cowan, J. E. Chapman, Rev. — Fidler, Dr. Gunst, A. Hyde, A. Hitchins, A. Lardner, R. Payne, C. E. Porter, E. Potts, J. Page, E. M. Ryan, W. Small, Rev. A. Selwyn, T. Shoveller, C. G. Tindal, J. Thomson, A. Vinden, W. E. Vincent, C. J. Walker, G. Mylne, and T. H. Smith." Carried unanimously. The committee met the same evening, and it being found that twenty of their number were in favour of the amendment, and only eight for the resolution, they proceeded to draw up a petition in accordance with the directions of the meeting, and having handed the same to the mover of the second resolution, declined to proceed any further with the same, and dissolved the committee. The dissentient members of the committee then proceeded to draw up a petition, embodying the amendment, praying for annexation to Queensland, or a new colony, and having approved of the draft presented, a subscription was entered into, and about £30 subscribed to defray the expenses of getting signatures to the same. The new committee consists of Messrs. S. Avery, R. Bligh, J.P., J. E. Chapman, A. Hyde, A. Lardner, J.P., R. Payne, C. E. Porter, J.P., James Page, Rev. A. Selwyn, C. G. Tindal, J.P., C. J. Walker, J.P., G. Mylne, and T. H. Smith. The second petition is, in substance, the same as the other, with this difference—that it prays for annexation to Queensland, or the creation of the disputed territory into a new colony. It is supported by all the clergymen, nearly all the magistrates, a majority of the Municipal Council, and most of the squatters of the district. The centralising tendencies of New South Wales, which recognises Sydney only as the colony, and the shameful way in which this district, with many others, is drained, for the aggrandisement of the metropolis, has caused a feeling of distrust that will not be allayed by promises which they have not the power to fulfil, even if the will was not wanting. The wisest way out of the difficulty appears to be for New South Wales to get the cession of the western country belonging to Queensland, in exchange for the Clarence and Richmond, and thus open up a way to her territory to the north of South Australia, embracing the western side of the Gulf of Carpentaria and Cambridge Gulf, to open up new country for her enterprising graziers.