

popular and very profitable manure exists in abundance in Western Australia; but as it has only just transpired, we have not yet had time to enquire into the truth of the report.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

Swan River, 24th February.

ON the 6th *ultimo*, we received advices from Western Australia, to the very late date of the 24th February, by the second wool ship, *Shepherd*, to the Cape of Good Hope, and thence by the *Vernon*. It will be seen that this mail arrived from the colony in the almost unprecedentedly short space of three months and twelve days, by which we are, so soon after the *Napoleon's* arrival, in receipt of letters of a month and twelve days' later date than the mail which she brought us. The usual complement of public reports is to be found in the papers now received, which contain those of the Protectors of Aborigines, York Branch Agricultural Society, and of the Colonial Treasurer. The first named of these presents us with a gratifying view of the progress of civilisation among the natives. Both Mr. Symmons of the Southern, and Mr. Yule (who is *locum tenens* of Mr. Bland), of the York and Avon, districts, report that the Aborigines are becoming confirmed in their habits of utility. The former gentleman states that the number of native prisoners at Rottneest is rapidly decreasing, and the latter repeatedly alludes to the good understanding which exists between the settlers and the natives. The annual report of the Branch Agricultural Society, presented in February, dwells on the temporary depression of the respective branches of agriculture, which it attributes to various causes. The increase of sheep has been smaller than usual, from the circumstance of a greater number having been sold to the butcher, in lieu of imported salt provisions. The scab, too, had again made its appearance among the flocks, but had been repulsed. The value of horned cattle was but slightly reduced, while that of horses had sustained a considerable fall; and the increase of pigs was not so large as could be wished. The crops of the season had been most prolific, which fact, combined with some large importations of flour from the sister colonies, accounts for the reduction in the price of grain. The cultivation of wheat had increased one-half, and that of hay, vines, and peaches, was also to a larger extent than last year, while the cultivation of barley had somewhat decreased; it must be borne in mind, however, that these details refer to the York and Avon districts alone. The report is very emphatic on the necessity for immigration, for rescinding the new sale of lands regulation, and the repeal of the pro-

hibition of distillation act. It also deprecates the carelessness of the settlers in getting up their wool, and their folly in sending it by circuitous routes, in preference to direct opportunities, and we would strongly echo its very just complaints on both these points. The report of the Colonial Auditor on the state of the quarter's revenue will be found condensed at page 58. The reply of Lord Stanley to the remonstrance of the Legislative Council against the high price of Crown Lands, despatched by the *Ganges*, is published, and contains a complete repetition of the protest of Governor Hutt against that remonstrance, and a refusal to entertain its proposals. The Guildford Market scheme was not carried out, but the first stone of the Roman Catholic Chapel was laid at Perth, by Dr. Brady, on the 16th January. Leeder's Hotel, in Perth, had been partially consumed by fire on the 9th, but the flames were, by the laudable exertions of Messrs. Roe, S. Moore, and Irby, subdued before they communicated to any other building. We perceive that Mr. Macfaull had made another attempt with an almanac for the present year, of the same nature as that which he produced in 1842.

Several articles in the papers present themselves for extract, and will be read with interest. We give the most attractive:

GOOD FROM EVIL.—The price of wheat, the growth of the last harvest, is so much reduced owing to the late imports of flour and grain from the neighbouring colonies, that many of our farmers are compelled to give their grain to fatten pigs. The disappointment the farmers experience at not being able to realise a fair return for their produce, is great, but, if they are allowed a little time, their pigs' food will be converted into saleable commodities, pork and bacon, to the utter discomfiture and exclusion of strangers.—*Perth Gazette*, January 13th.

THE CONDITION OF THE WOOL.—The wool of the last season, we learn with much satisfaction, has been got up and packed with greater attention to cleanliness and other requisites than heretofore.—*Ibid*.

NECESSITY FOR IMMIGRATION.—Constantly with the best expectations we look for arrivals from England; our thoughts are thus strained towards the country, because we seek from her the extension of the system of emigration, not alone for her own relief, but for our advancement. We require additional hands—men of industrious and persevering habits, who are equal to the task of producing and multiplying the resources which nature has lavishly bestowed upon us.—*Ibid*, January 20th.

PRICES OF STOCK.—The following is the result of a public sale, held on Wednesday last, at Perth, by Messrs. L. & W. Samson,

and may be taken as a criterion of the market: the greater part of the stock, however, could not be said to be in fair condition:—heifer, £5 15s.; cow and calf, £7—another £6 6s.; cow £9 9s.—another £11 11s.; steer, £7 10s.—others at £6 12s., £1 10s., £1 9s., and 15s.; heifer, £2 14s.—another 15s.; mare, £12—another £4 15s.—*Ibid.*

SALTING FISH.—The supply of the shipping with salt fish is at length provided for, and we are well informed it would make an excellent article of export to Batavia. The shoals of fish which abound in our seas, and the facility of curing them, if the proper seasons are regarded, give us ample means of converting this product of the deep to a good account. Mr. Curtis has dispatched a fishing party to the Abrolhos where it is intended to cure fish for export. These are adventures which give evidence of activity, and afford promise of favorable results.—*Ibid.* Feb. 10.

FLOATING MAGAZINE.—It is reported that the schooner *Victoria*, from Hobart Town, has arrived at Port Leschenault with a general cargo, adapted for the whalers on our coast.—*Ibid.*

King George's Sound,

We have no news of any interest from Albany by the late arrival. We, however, find in a South Australian paper a statement relating to this settlement, which, as it is of some importance, we subjoin:—

We have heard it stated that one of the objects contemplated by the voyage of the *Joseph Cripps*, to King George's Sound, is the construction there of a vessel from the excellent naval timber with which that neighbourhood abounds.—*Adelaide Observer*, Jan. 13.

Australind, 10th February.

At Australind, Mr. Andrew Stirling and Dr. Allen have got up a manuscript magazine, which appears monthly under the title of the *Leschenault Sunbeam*. It seems to be extremely well written, and two of the numbers contain a very excellent and interesting, though terribly severe, history of the Western Australian Company, in which Colonel Grey, Mr. Wakefield, and the Directors are roughly dealt with. By the way, as we predicted in our leading article last month, "actions at law and litigation" have already been the consequence of the ill-advised course of this unfortunate company, no less than seven actions pending against them for wages, at the departure of the last mail.

CUSTOMS' LIST

Of Imports from Western Australia, for the month ending June 26th.
29th May—Buckles & Co., 2400 lbs. wool.

Exports to Western Australia, for the month ending June 26th.
22nd June—C. Wilkinson, £60; M. Forster, £80.

BIRTH.

Hillman, Mrs. A., 5th February, at Wiberforce, Avon, a daughter.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Four large cask buoys have lately been laid down to mark the channel into Cockburn Sound, between Garden Island and Carnac, viz., two on the south side of the channel, painted black, near the Challenger and Stags rocks; and two on the north side, painted white, near the Middle Bank and Flat Ledge. The fair channel, in 4 to 6 fathoms water, lies between the black and white buoys. The Challenger buoy is laid down in 6 fathoms, half a cable's length from the N. E. extremity of the rock; the Middle Bank buoy is in 4½ fathoms, on Western edge of the bank; the Flat Ledge buoy is placed outside the two uppermost rocks of that small reef, one of which has 9 feet water on it, and the other 3 fathoms; and the Stag's buoy is in 6 fathoms, on the N. E. extremity of the reef.

A large cask buoy has been moored in 3 fathoms water, about 3 cables length N. W. by N. from Scott's ledge on the Northern edge of Success Bank, Gage's Road. This reef is narrow, and about a quarter of a mile in length E. and W., with 9 feet water on its rocky ridge. The buoy is in a line between the Mewstone Rock and the N. extremity of Rous's Head, at the entrance to Swan River, at 1½ miles from the Rock and 3 miles from the Head, and should be passed on its N. side.

Hall's Bank, a small patch of 3½ fathoms, recently discovered by H. M. S. *Beagle*, should be avoided by a ship of heavy draft of water, standing into Gage's Road from the North. It lies 1½ miles off the mainland, and bears from the flagstaff on Arthur's Head magnetic N. 37 degrees W., and S. 49 degrees W. from the white sandpatch to the N., having 8 and 9 fathoms water close to it all round.

The best anchorage in Gage's Road is in 6 or 7 fathoms water, a mile from Arthur's Head, with Scott's wooden jetty in South Bay, first on with the South extremity of the Head, (E. ¼ N. by compass,) and South end of Rous's Head, on with the North extremity of a low Sandypoint of land within the entrance to Swan River. Nearer to the shore, the bottom is rocky.

Pertb, Western Australia,
January 15th, 1844.

Arrivals at Fremantle—*Arab*, American whaler, Wrightson, 12 Jan.—*Ganges*, Walker, 18, from London—*Venus*, Thomas, 20, from Bunbury—*Shepherd*, Narracott, 30, from Bunbury—*Florida*, American whaler, Cunningham, 3 Feb., from whaling—*Velocity*, Bogue, 14, from Sydney.

Departures from Fremantle—*Timbo*, Jennings 20 Dec., for Launceston—*Shepherd*, Narracott, 11, for Bunbury—*Arab*, American whaler, Wrightson, 28, for whaling—*Florida*, American whaler, Cunningham, 8 Feb., for whaling—*Ganges*, Walker, 11, for Batavia.

Arrival at King George's Sound—*Will Watch*, from Tasmania, previous to 8 Dec

Joseph Cripps, Gwatkin, for Swan River, sailed from Launceston, 5 Jan.; sailed from Adelaide, 16—

Timbo, Jennings, from Swan River, arrived at Launceston 18 Jan.—*Water Witch*, Talbert, from Swan River, arrived at Adelaide 19 Jan.

Passengers per *Timbo*, from Swan River to Launceston, Messrs. J. GILBERT, SYMERS, and T. HERBERT, Mrs. TURNBULL, Mrs. STEWART, and Miss LAWSON.

Passenger per *Ganges*, from Swan River to Batavia, Rev. Dr. BRADY.

Passengers per *Joseph Cripps*, from Launceston to Swan River, Mr. and Mrs. HARDING and 4 children, W. A. ATKINSON, J. BROWN, and SOPHIA BELLMAN.

Passengers per *Water Witch*, from Swan River to Adelaide, Mr. and Mrs. C. CLAYFIELD and family, Mr. and Mrs. CAUSTON, and Mr. HILL.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. S.—The advertisements of the Western Australian Society are now going the round of the metropolitan and provincial newspapers.

H. R. G. calls our attention to an article, favorable to Western Australia, which appeared in *Chambers' Edinburgh Journal* of March 30th. After so long a series of years' abuse of the colony, we hope Messrs. Chambers are now about to make that reparation which is due from them by stating the truth. We trust that we shall have no future cause for recurring to their past course, but that the article kindly pointed out to us by our Correspondent will be followed by others in the same honest and unexaggerated strain.

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TO EMIGRANTS.—AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.—

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