

to be expended in sending us the labor necessary for the cultivation of the land at present purchased; and although the whole of this land will not, probably, be brought under cultivation for some time, yet a considerable number of additional hands will be required by the farmers next year; and within two years from this date, we have no doubt the demand for labour in the colony will be sufficient to swallow up the whole of the land fund.

We are glad to perceive, however, that the new Act does not interfere with our claims for the repayment of this fund, as it expressly declares that the Colonization Commissioners are still liable for all claims upon them up to the time of the passing of the Act; and, consequently, although no steps have been taken as yet for the repayment of this sum, no attempt has been made, as stated by the *Register*, to perpetuate a robbery on the land fund of the amount; and we have no doubt that Lord Stanley will take the earliest opportunity on the re-assembling of Parliament to procure a vote for its repayment; and, in the mean time, we hope that the South Australian Society, and our other friends in England, will not let the matter drop.

#### THIS SEASON'S WOOL SHIPS.

By the wool ships of this season, now lying at the Port, and all but ready for sea, there will be conveyed to London, this year, upwards of 2,300 bales of wool, the chief part of this year's clip. The *Sultana*, we believe, takes 1,035 bales; the *Sarah and Elizabeth* about 450; and the *Taglioni* about 850. The *Countess of Durham*, however, is laid on, and will obtain a full cargo, over and above the lambs' wool, and what may be sent round by the neighbouring colonies.—*South Australian Register*.

**NEWLY DISCOVERED DISTRICTS.**—It is an extraordinary coincidence that extensive tracts of fine well watered country should be found almost at one and the same period in all the district portions of the province, by Capt. Frome, Mr. Burr, and Major O'Halloran, and this at a period when our settled districts are teeming with an abundant harvest.

**PORT LINCOLN.**—Major O'Halloran and party have returned from Port Lincoln. It appears that they fell in with and surprised the tribe who are said to have been concerned in the murders. They were found in three distinct gangs, and were fallen in with at different times by the party under the Major's orders. A great many prisoners, we understand, were captured, but as none of them were identified as the actual murderer, they were, it seems, all released. The blacks are we understand completely awed, and a feeling of security is again restored to the settlement.

The party in their first expedition traversed a tract of country extending about 85 miles to the North East of Port Lincoln, and in the second, about 55 to the North West. They report this country as being occupied by four tribes of natives, and as abounding in game, water, and fine pasture.—*Southern Australian*, December 2nd.

**UNEMPLOYED EMIGRANTS.**—A despatch has been received, dated 2nd August, with reference to the Emigration Board, directing the Governor to notify that the Local Government will not receive any further applications for maintenance and employment from persons representing themselves to be in a destitute condition.—*South Australian Gazette*.

**HARVEST HOME.**—A large party of friends assembled at Messrs. Collins and Pearce's, at the Bay, on Wednesday last, to celebrate the ingathering of the harvest on the adjoining section. A spacious shed had been erected especially for the purpose, capable of holding from fifty to sixty persons, and most ample provision was made for the numerous friends who had gathered around them. In the course of the addresses after

dinner it was stated that this was the first fruits of that line of coast, a circumstance which added much to the interest of the occasion, considering that the crops were excellent, although this section of land stretches close by the beach.—*South Australian Register*, Dec. 31.

**ADELAIDE MARKET.**—Wheat, 4s. to 5s. per bushel; flour, fine, £17 per ton; seconds, £15; barley, 2s. 6d. to 5s.; oats, 7s. to 8s.; potatoes, £7 to £8 per ton, or 1d. per lb.; beef and mutton, 3d. to 3½d. per lb.; veal and pork, 8d. to 9d.; broad, 8d. to 9d. per 4lbs.; eggs, 1s. to 1s. 6d. per dozen; butter, fresh, 1s. per lb.; cheese, 9d. to 1s. per lb.; cabbages, 1d. each; carrots, 3d. per bunch; onions, 1d. per bunch; fowls, 2s. to 3s. per pair; ducks, 3s. to 5s.; geese, 8s. to 10s.; turkeys, 12s. to 15s. Stock—Horses, £18 to £60; working bullocks, £7 to £10; dairy cows, £5 to £7; fat cattle, £4 to £8; goats, 10s. to 30s.; wethers, 7s. to 10s.; ewes, 14s. to 20s.; lambs, 5s. to 7s.; pigs, 12s. to 50s.; roasters, 8s. to 10s.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

##### ARRIVALS AT PORT ADELAIDE.

December 1.—Glenarm, @ Liverpool.

December 20.—Countess of Durham, @ London.

December 20.—William, @ Guernsey.

##### DEPARTURE FROM PORT ADELAIDE.

January.—Sultana, Lyell, @ London.

##### LOADING FOR LONDON.

Sarah & Elizabeth, Taglioni, and Countess of Durham.

##### LOADING FOR PORT ADELAIDE.

Imaun of Muskatt, Riches—Burton

Mary Nixon, Cowley—Cramond

Francis Spaight, Winn—E. J. Wheeler, and Divett and Moore.

**COLONIAL EXPORTS.**—It is gratifying to observe the strenuous efforts some of our colonists are making to advance the interests in the British market, by exporting, as largely as possible, its various natural and artificial productions. As an instance of this, we may advert to our friend Captain Hart, who has been appointed commander of the barque Sarah and Elizabeth, laid on for England with colonial produce. This enterprising colonist, we understand, ships on his own account for London—upwards of 50 tons of oil, 2½ tons of whalebone, 10 tons of lead ore, 26 tons of wattle bark, and 500 bushels of wheat, besides several minor articles, the produce of the colony.

Few men deserve better of the colony than this gentleman; he was one of the earliest colonists, dating, we believe, his connexion with it as far back as January, 1837, and from that time to the present he has been untiring in his labors for its prosperity; its fisheries, its commerce, and its geography, are all deeply indebted to him; and his recent humane endeavors to succour Mr. C. C. Dutton and party, must be fresh in the memory of all parties in the colony, and is beyond all praise.—*Southern Australian*, Nov. 15.

**WOOL FOR THE HOME MARKET.**—In this, the sixth year of our colonial existence, the clip of the season will be little short of 300,000 to 330,000 fleeces. It is gratifying to know the determination of the colonists to have the clips of the season prepared in such a way, as to give our wools a character in the English market. For this purpose, stores are opened in different parts of the city, and wool presses have been set up.—*South Australian Register*, Oct. 8.

**THE CLIP.**—A very large clip of wool of excellent quality is expected to result from the ensuing sheep-shearing. We understand it is the intention of the sheep farmers generally to drop the practice of giving drink to the shearers, as it has been found so injurious. The leading sheep-farmers have resolved to give 15s. per hundred for shearing, to allow nothing besides, and to

charge 1s. per day for the food of the men engaged.—*Southern Australian*, 9th September.

**WHEAL GAWLER SILVER AND LEAD MINES.**—It is the intention of the proprietors of the lead mines to immediately commence active operations in raising this valuable metal for exportation to Britain. An advertisement requiring tenders for raising the ore, and preparing it for shipment, appears in our present number.—*Southern Australian*, 26th August.

**VICTORIA MILL, THEBARTON.**—The spirited proprietors of this steam flour-mill have reduced the price of grinding to 1s. 6d. per bushel. There can be little doubt that, after the ensuing harvest, the proprietors of the different mills will readily meet the wishes of the

public by a further reduction to 1s., as then there will be ample employment.—*Southern Australian*, August 28.

**THE NATIVES.**—Mr. Eyre has visited the Rufus and Lake Victoria, with a view of strengthening the friendly feeling of the Natives, of those distant districts towards the Europeans; in this object he has succeeded most satisfactorily.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTION.**—Efforts were making for the resuscitation of the South Australian Literary Institution, and Mechanics Institute. On the 26th July, Wm. SMILLIE, Esq. delivered an opening Lecture at the Theatre, Giles's Arcade.

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